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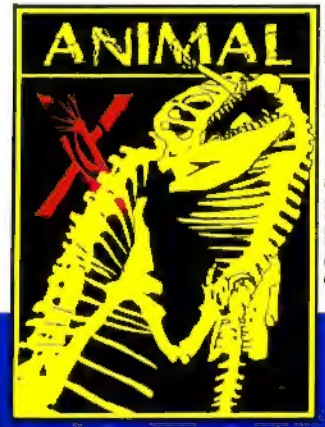
「終わりにするわ、何もかも」——自らの命を賭け、最後の戦いを仕掛けてくる摩耶。裕司と出会い、生きることの意味を知った湊は、敢えて摩耶の望みに応じる。〈血族〉の運命、悲しき祭り、摩耶の歪んだ想いは、湊を灼熱の炎の渦へと導く。残された裕司——その身体には、ある変化が。彼ら二人の行く手に、待ち受けるものは？



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story so far:

Lab assistant and scientific guinea pig Ayukawa Yuuji was kidnapped from his dull existance by the Dinosauroid youth Asaba Minato. Yuuji, a bio-engineered hermaphrodite, is central to plans to change the world as we know it. Together, the two travelled first to Minato's village in the Tohoku Region only to be followed by Doctor Tadokoro's hired army, led by the vicious Northern Dinosauroid Maya. Minato's village was burned to the ground and the two had no choice but to continue to Okinawa, where another village of Dinosauroids tried to protect them from falling into the clutches of Tadokoro and Maya.

Finally they were forced to flee the island for the safety of those living there. After delivering documents key to the history of those of the blood to Researcher and Writer Hiratsuka Akio, Yuuji and Minato find themselves trapped in an abandoned oil refinery with Maya and her henchmen closing in on all sides. In their fear and desperation, Yuuji and Minato finally become mates in every sense of the word, but it may already be too late for them... and for the human race as we know it...

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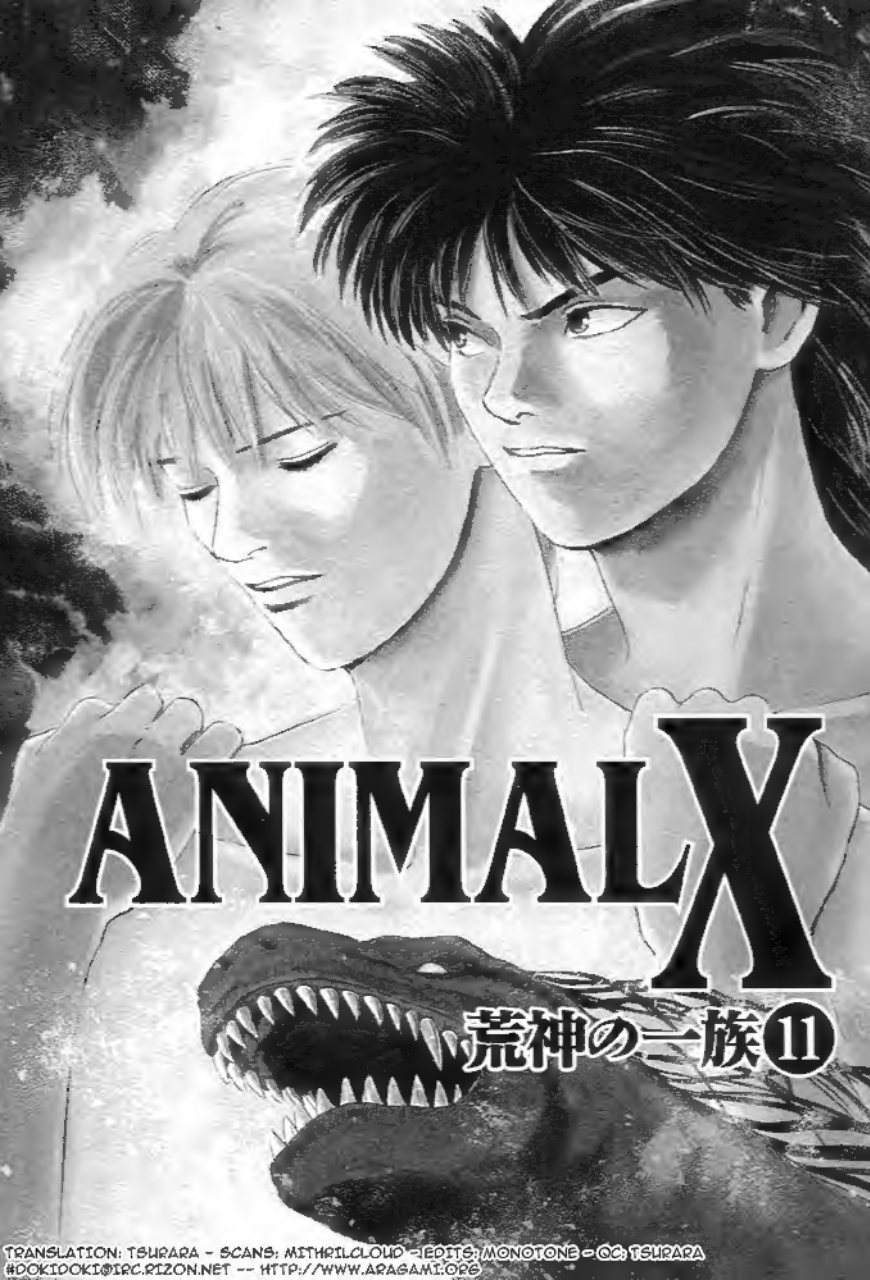

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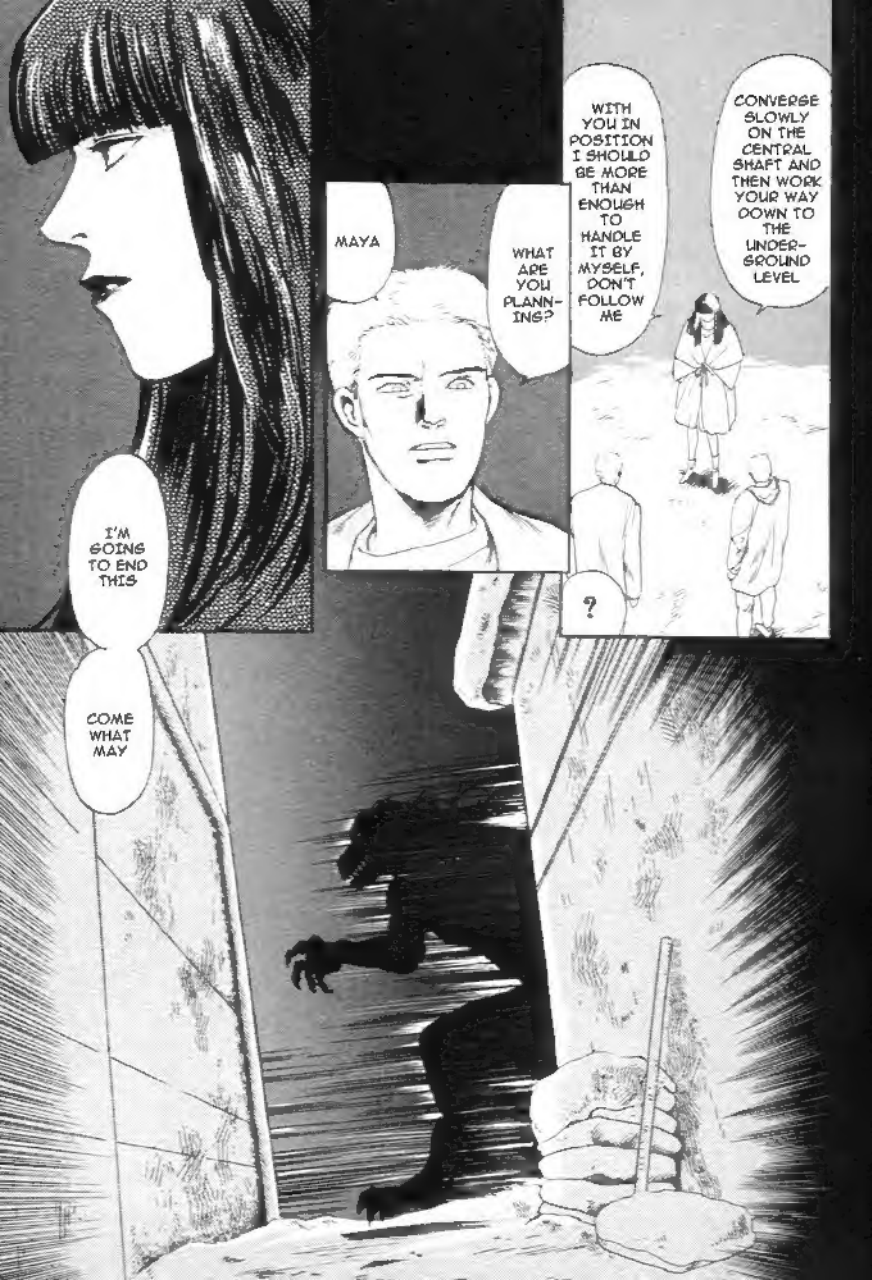
AMI SUGIMOTO

SFX: WIND

DON'T LEAVE MY SIDE...
I'VE EXAMINED THE INTERIOR LAYOUT OF THE REFINERY
IN THE VERY CENTER IS WHAT APPEARS TO BE A MINE SHAFT WITH A LIFT SYSTEM
THE CIRCUIT SEEMS TO BE CONNECTED THROUGH THE WAREHOUSE ATTATCHED TO THIS FACTORY


CONVERSE SLOWLY ON THE CENTRAL SHAFT AND THEN WORK YOUR WAY DOWN TO THE UNDER-GROUND LEVEL
WITH YOU IN POSITION I SHOULD BE MORE THAN ENOUGH TO HANDLE IT BY MYSELF, DON'T FOLLOW ME
?
WHAT ARE YOU PLANN-ING?
MAYA
I'M GOING TO END THIS
COME WHAT MAY

BYUUUUUUU
FOOT-STEPS!!
I CAN HEAR THEM ON THE WIND! I THINK MAYBE THAT GUY'S STILL IN HIS HUMAN FORM
WE HAVE TO STOP HIM BEFORE HE CAN TRANS-FORM!!
DON'T KILL THE FEMALE!!
N
BAKI
ZAA
SWING

DOKAA
SWING
NOW I'VE GOT YOU------!!
BAKII

piece of cake
HEEHEE, ONE DOWN
DON'T MOVE SO SUDDENLY!! THIS PLACE ECHOES LIKE A CAVERN, THEY'LL HEAR US!
DON'T LET THEM SHAKE YOU!! KEEP HEADED TOWARD YOUR GOAL
THERE'S NO TIME TO WASTE FIGHTING SKIRMISHES ON THEIR TERMS ONLY FIGHT AS A LAST RESORT
AND STAY IN PAIRS
HEY, DID YOU HEAR SOMETHING JUST NOW?
NO, JUST THE WIND
??

GARAGARAGARA
UWA UWA
UWAAA
HOW'S IT GOIN', BROTHER?!
AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE NORTHEAST FACTORY ---
O-OVER HERE
A
ASABAA
BOKA
DOKAA

HYOOOOOOO
IT'S A TRAP
IT SOUNDED LIKE SOME-THING FELL
THERE ARE ONLY TWO OF THEM, THEY CAN'T BE EVERY-WHERE AT ONCE
EVERY-ONE, HOLD YOUR POSI-TIONS
WHAT NOW?
IT'S SIMPLE, WE JUST NEED TO STAY OUR HAND
UNTIL WE GAIN OUR NATURAL ADVANTAGE

I WONDER
IN ANY CASE I HAVE NO IDEA HOW MANY THERE ARE, OR WHAT DIRECTION THEY'RE COMING FROM
BUT----
THINK THEY'VE REALIZED?
IF THEY DON'T MOVE I CAN'T EVEN SMELL THEM
IT'S LIKE THESE GUYS BLEND INTO THE WALLS
I DO KNOW THAT EVERY SECOND WE SIT HERE THEY'RE MAKING IT HARDER AND HARDER FOR US TO GET BACK OUTSIDE

!
TH
THE WIND STOP-PED!?

ONE OF THE PECULI-ARITIES OF THIS REGION'S CLIMATE
ALL OF THE PREDATORS FROM THIS REGION KNOW IT WELL-----
EVERY SOUND YOU MAKE
EVERY SCENT EVERY MOVE
NOW, JUST TRY AND RUN FROM ME MINATO

THOSE GUYS ARE ALREADY TOO CLOSE!!
!
HOW-EVER WE CAN AT THIS POINT!!
HOW ARE WE GONNA GET OUT OF HERE?!
!?

fuwa
!
DON'T MOVE, ASAGA

PUNCH
BRAT!!
HMPH, I'LL TEACH YOU TO MESS WITH MY BROTHERS
DOSA!
MINATO!!
JESUS MAN, DON'T KILL HIM!!
SAVE SOME FOR THE OTHER GUYS
BIND HIS HANDS LIKE I TOLD YOU!!

WANNA WATCH ME BREAK HIM?
OR I'LL FUCK THIS ONE UP IN FRONT OF YOU
BETTER CALM DOWN SON
STOP IT!!
SHUT UP, I AM NOT PLAYING HERE!!
YUU.
TRY AND TRANS-FORM
IF YOU DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO THIS ONE!!

SHUT UP!
THIS HAS BELONGED TO US RIGHTFULLY ALL ALONG!!
YUUJI'S NOT A THING TO BE OWNED!!
YEAH YOU'D BEST KEEP QUIET BITCH!
YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR YOU. WE'LL SHOW YOU SOMETHING A LOT BETTER THAN THAT BRAT EVER COULD
HEHEHEH

YEAH GET ON WITH IT MAN
HURRY UP AND GET ON WITH IT, I WANT TO MATE HIM AFTER
HOW MANY YEARS HAS IT BEEN SINCE WE'VE HAD A WOMAN?
キ
ク
DEH!?!?!

CLONK!!
!?
!!
SPRAY

MINA-TOO!!
CLOSE YOUR EYES!!
punch!
punch!
WAWAA
BASTARD!!
B---

SFX TONK
HOLY SHIT THAT WAS INCREDIBLE YUUU!!
LET'S GO!! HURRY!!
TH- THEY GOT AWAY!!
THEY'RE HEADED FOR THE EAST WARE-HOUSE
cough cough.

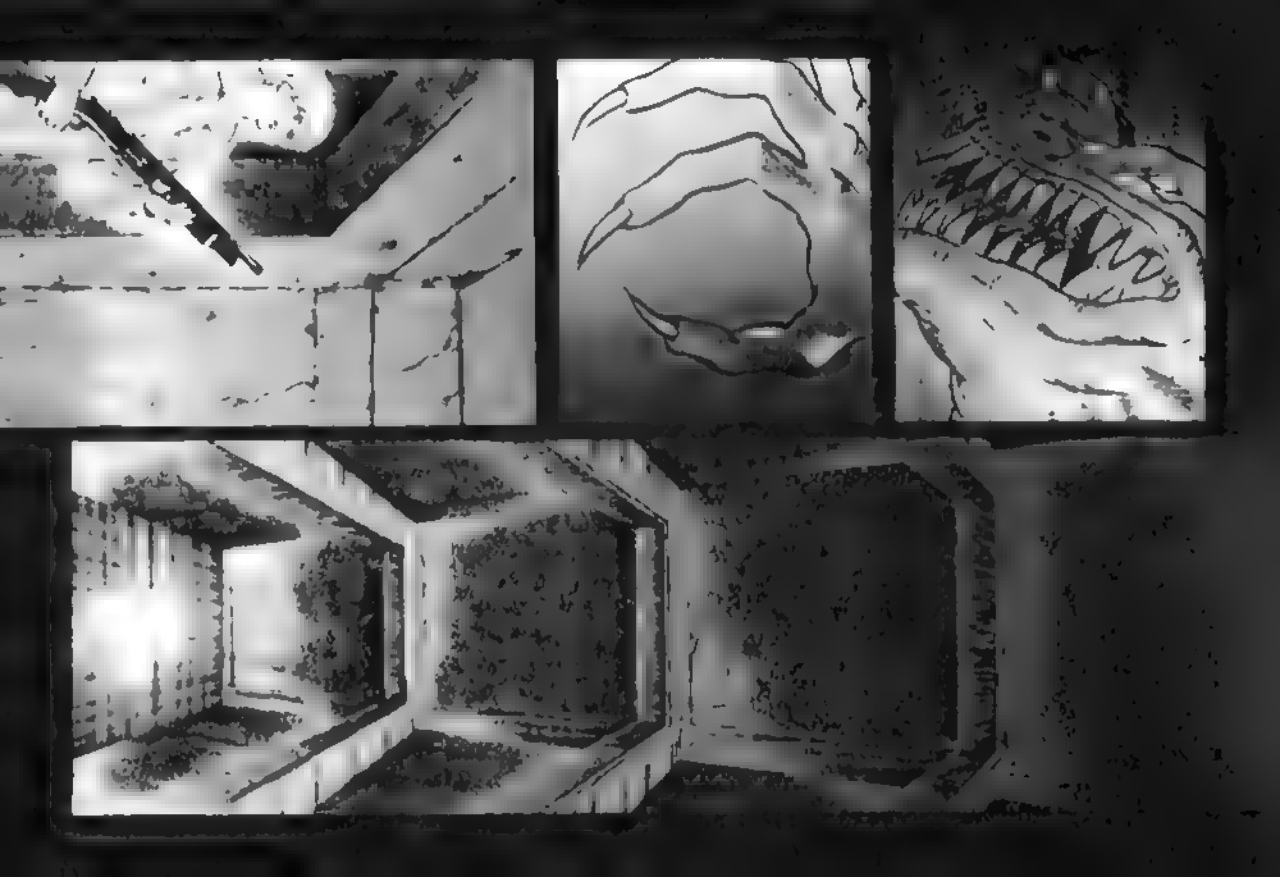
INTERESTING, ISN'T IT? THEY STILL HAVEN'T BEEN CAUGHT
MAYA
THE EASTERN WARE-HOUSE. IF THEY'RE NOT MIS-TAKEN
I'M GOING MYSELF
MINATO, YOU'RE HURT!
IT'S NOTHING
BUT YOU'RE BLEED-ING---
YUUJI, LOOK
THE ENTRANCE TO THE BASEMENT LEVEL
FROM HERE ON, WE'VE GOT NOWHERE LEFT TO RUN BUT THERE!

THOSE GUYS WERE HEADING US HERE ALL ALONG!!
THIS IS IT IT'S A TRAP!
I BET----
KAYA
WHY HAVE YOU CHASED US HERE?

!
IF WE GO DOWN THERE .. THEY'RE AT AS MUCH OF A DISAD-VANTAGE AS WE ARE ..
THE BASEMENT LEVEL IS OLD, FILLED WITH ASH, OIL AND COAL---- IT'S PROBABLY A TINDERBOX WAITING TO GO UP
SO THAT'S IT, SHE----
SHE WANTS TO KILL ME!!

SO WHEN IT'S TIME TO SPLIT UP---
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THOSE GUYS WILL DO TO YOU
YOU GET OUT OF HERE ALONE
!
BUT THERE'S LOTS OF WAYS TO FIGHT THEM! WE'VE GOT THEM AT A DISAD-VANTAGE SO-----
IF WE SPLIT UP WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO YOU?!
IF YOU'RE JUST GOING TO THROW ME AWAY HERE, WHY DID YOU MAKE LOVE TO ME AT ALL?!

YUUJI..
AS LONG AS YOU MAKE IT OUT OF HERE ALRIGHT
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT HAPPENS TO ME
MINATO
MINATO
I'VE FINALLY GOT YOU CORNERED



WE MIGHT END UP NEEDING NARROW PLACES LIKE THIS
IT'S ALMOST LIKE I CAN HEAR THEM BREATH-ING DOWN OUR NECKS
JUST MORE MICE
IT'LL BE HARD FOR THEM TO TRANSFORM, AND IMPOSSIBLE TO MANUEVER IF THEY DO
I KNOW THAT IT CAN'T END HERE.
BECAUSE UP UNTIL NOW, WE'VE BEEN THROUGH SO MUCH ALREADY
HOW CAN YOU BE SO CALM?
AND IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE EMPTY-HANDED

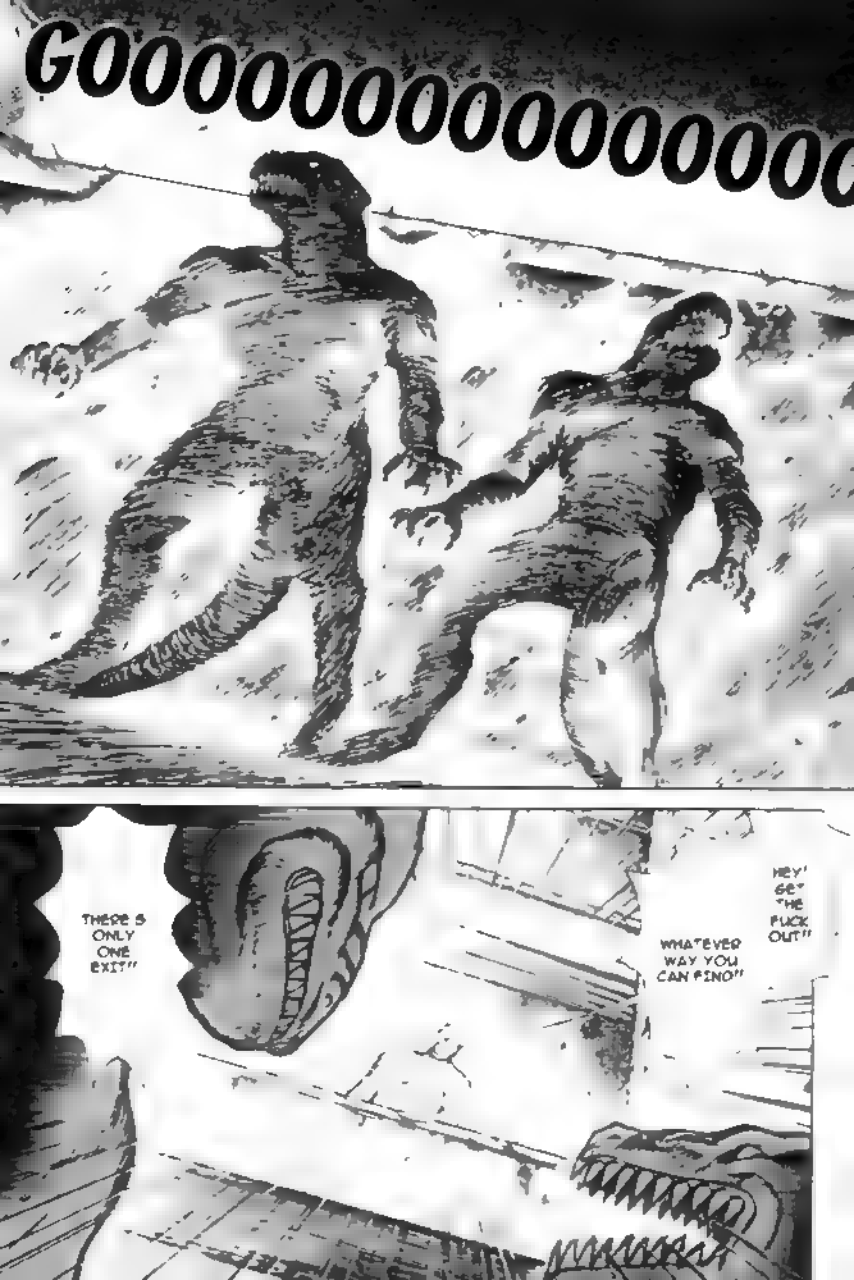
GAA
BANG!
!!
DO
SA!

BAA
YUUJI, THERE'S ANOTHER ONE!!
!!
BANG

MINA-TO!!
THE KEROSENE!! OPEN IT!!
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO?!
JUST DO IT!!
HEY!! IF WE DO THAT!!
CLICK
THROW IT IN THE CENTER!!
BANG!!
I TOLD YOU, DIDN'T I? I'M NOT GIVING UP HERE!!

I'M GOING TO FIGHT UNTIL ALL HOPE IS GONE!!
ALRIGHT
SO HURRY!!
splash
BOOOM
BANG

!
GOOOO
BUT WHERE CAN THEY GO TO ESCAPE IT
THESE GUYS DON'T SEEM TO WANT TO DIE BY FIRE!!
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING THERE?!
IF YOU GUYS JUST KEEP LETTING THEM LIGHT FIRES DOWN THERE THE WHOLE PLACE WILL GO UP!!
IT'LL BLOW!!


GOOOOOOOOOOOOOO
THERE IS ONLY ONE EXIT!!
WHATEVER WAY YOU CAN FIND!!
HEY! GET THE FUCK OUT!!

THE SMOKE'S GOT TO BE GETTING OUT SOME-HOW
YUUJI.
BEFORE THE SMOKE GETS TOO THICK!!
IF WE CAN BREAK THROUGH SOME-HOW
IT'S JUST A HUNCH BUT I THINK IT MIGHT BE ESCAPING THROUGH A HOLE OVER THERE!!
WHEN I WAS LOOKING AROUND BEFORE THERE WAS ONE PLACE I DIDN'T CHECK BUT COULD IT BE?
IT COULD HAVE BEEN A SHAFT LEADING BACK ABOVE GROUND!
EEH?

NO MISTAKE!! LOOKS LIKE THIS SHAFT REALLY WILL TAKE US TO THE HIGHER LEVELS!!
I DON'T KNOW IF WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET OUT OF THE BASEMENT FROM HERE BUT IT CAN'T HURT TO TRY IT!!
LETS GO!! WHILE THOSE GUYS AREN'T MOVING!!

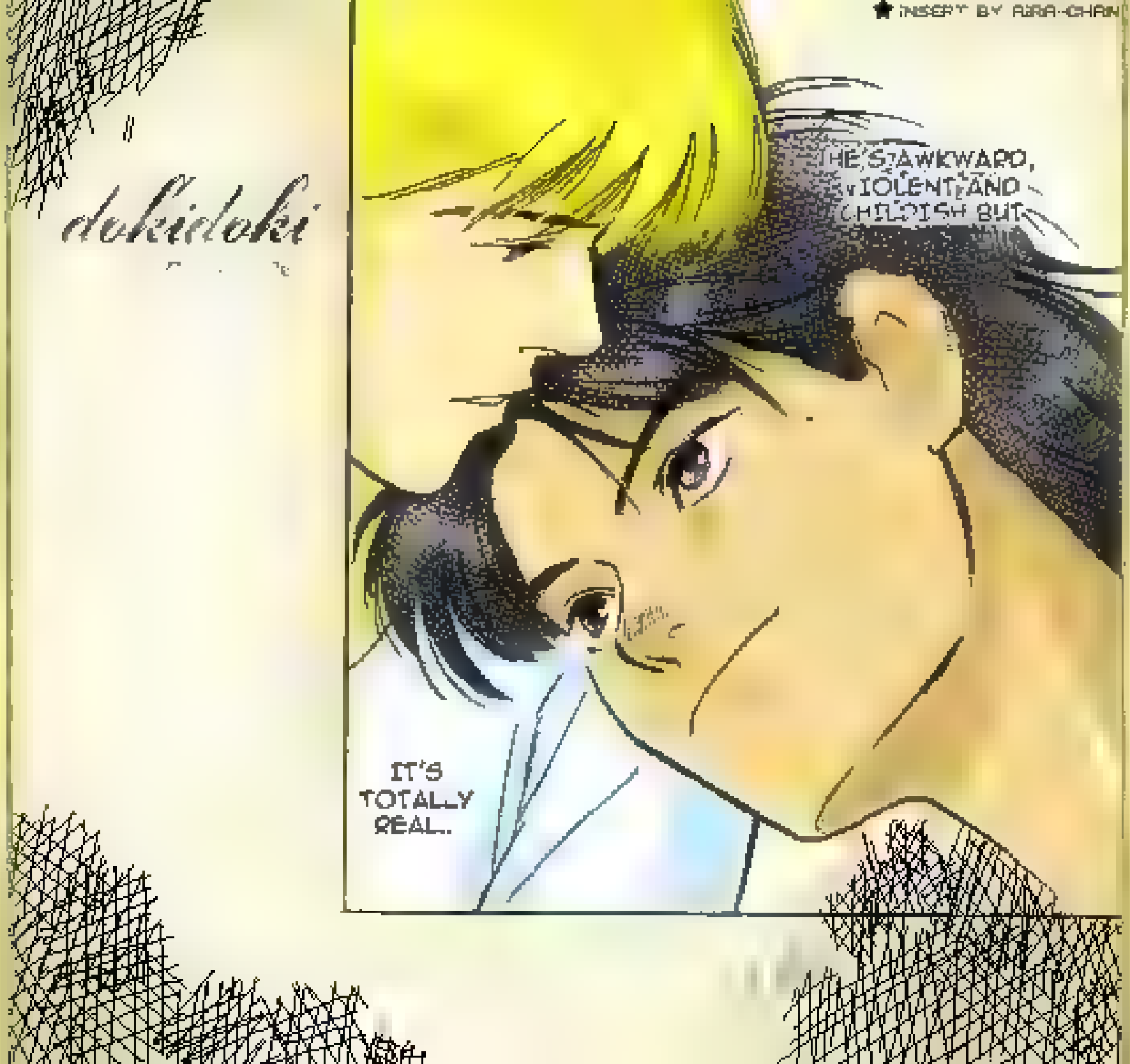
GWAAR
!
MINATO!!
INSIDE THE BAG!! THERE'S A GRENADE!!
?
?
?
PULL THE PIN!!
THROW IT BELOW!
TOSS

KABOOM
!!

---IF WE REALLY DO GET OUT OF HERE..
WHAT WILL WE DO? MINATO..
---NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT, BUT AS LONG AS I'M WITH YOU, ANYTHING'S FINE WITH ME.

NOT HAVE ANY MORE OF THAT!!!
WE'VE SEEN ENOUGH HATRED HERE
AND BLOOD-SHED SO LET'S

I CAN SEE IT!
THE EXIT!!


INSERT BY AIRA-CHAN
HE'S AWKWARD, VIOLENT AND CHILDISH BUT
IT'S TOTALLY REAL.

SFX Crunk
COME ON!
THIS PLACE
ISN'T THE SAME EXIT WE WERE AT BEFORE, IS IT?
EH?
!!

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HYOOO!
DOSU
!!
CLATTER
MINATO!?
STAY BACK!! YUUJI!!

MINATO!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! MINATO!!
MINATO!!
GAKI!!
.....
I WANT TO BE THE LAST
IT'S AMAZING, THE POWER OF THE MOST PURE OF THE BLOOD, ISN'T IT-----

IF YOU DON'T KILL ME, I'LL SHRED YOU TO PIECES
SO STAND!! MINATO!!
MAYA

IF YOU CAN'T HAVE AT ME
I HAVE TO DO THIS
DON'T I, MAYA...
THE FIGHTING WILL NEVER END, WILL IT?

BUT I CAN END THIS!!

MINATO!!
NOW WE CAN FINALLY BECOME ONE!!

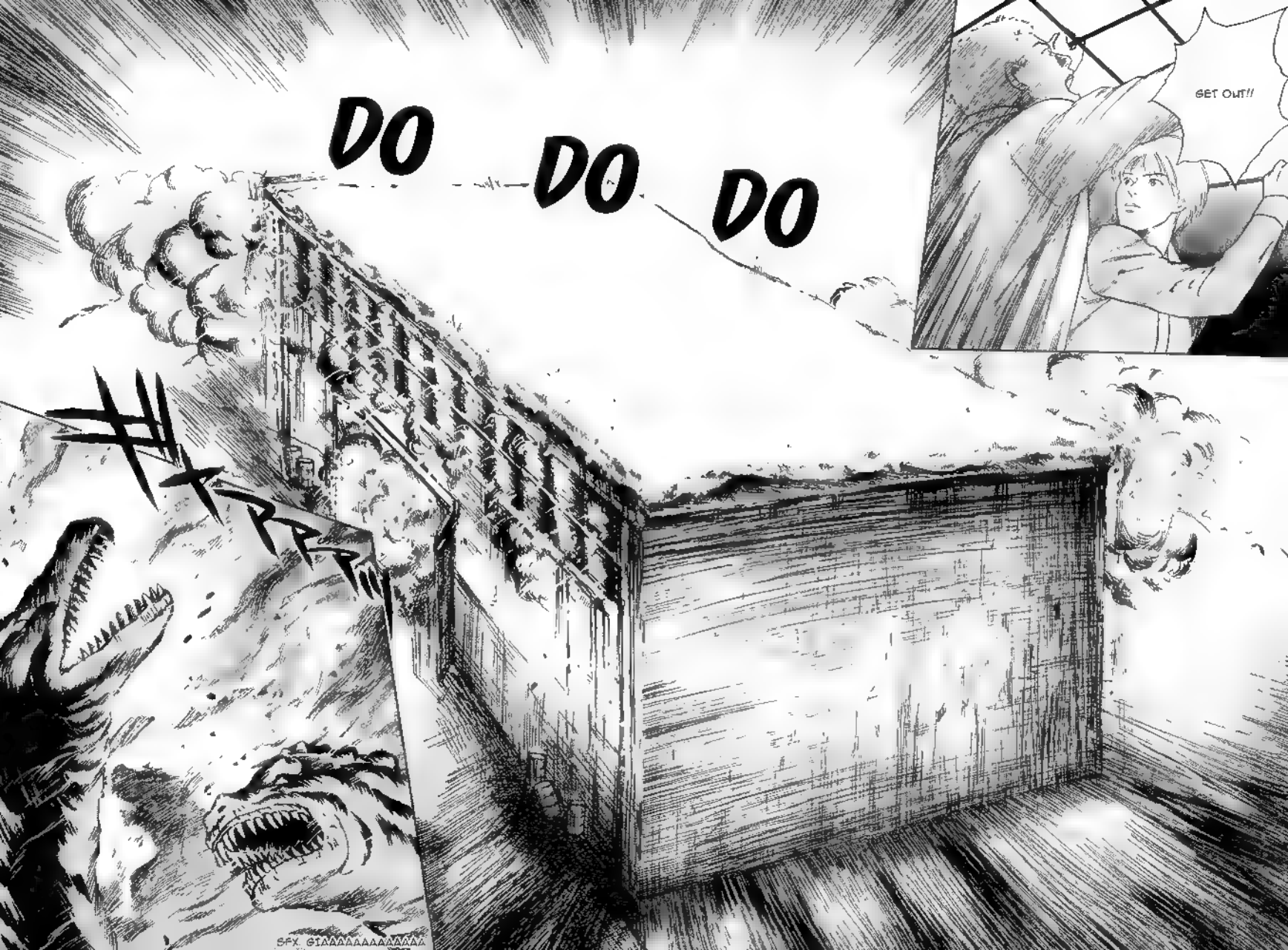
BAA
BAKI
BAKII

GAUUUUU
MINATO!!
GUAAAAAA

BISHI!!

GAA
JYUUU
ZAA
IT'S GONNA BLOW!
RUN!!

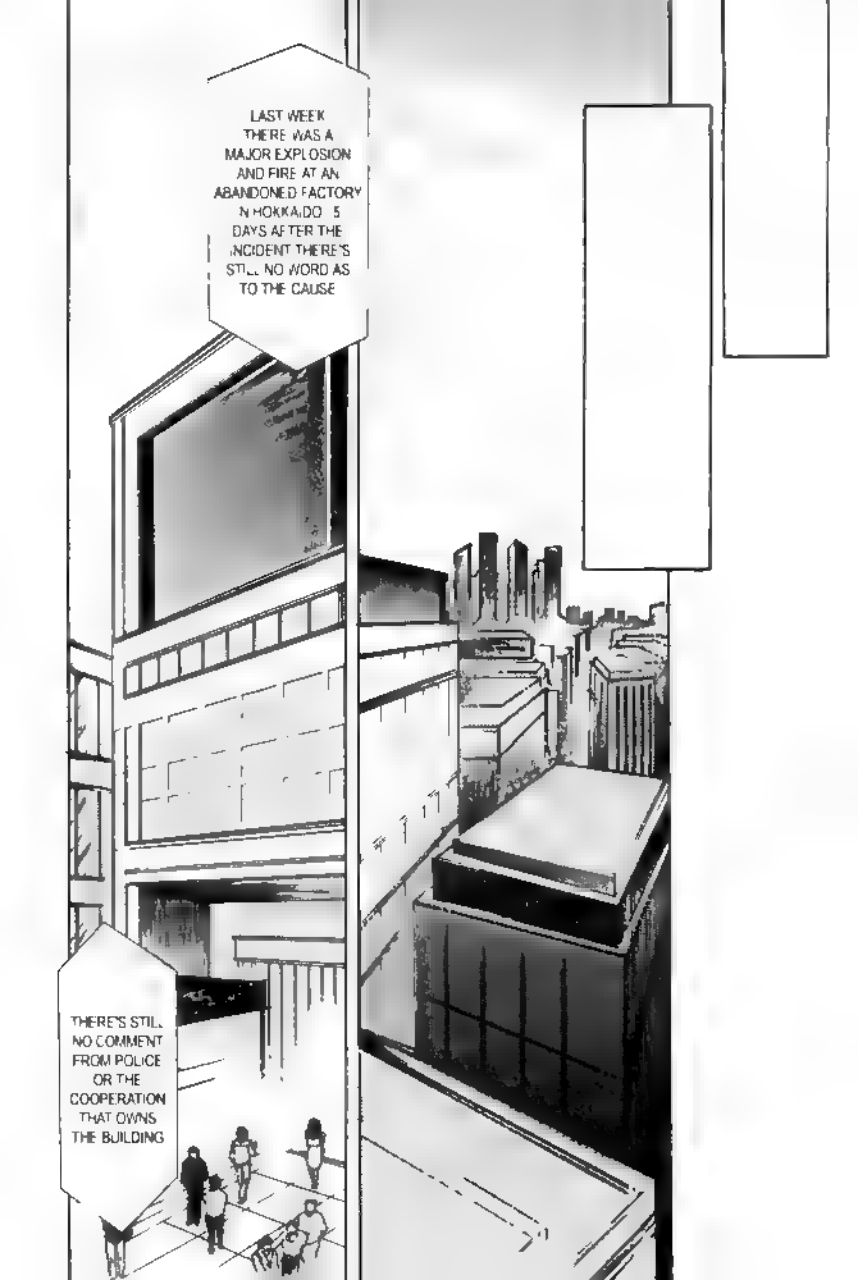
DODODO
GOGOGOGO


DO DO DO
GET OUT!!
HARR
SFX GIAAAAAAAAAAAA

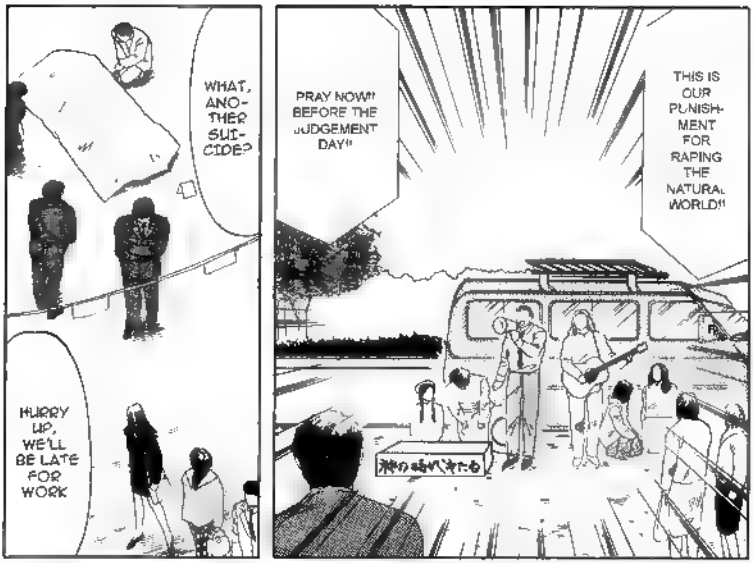
GOGOGOGO
BAAA
BOOM!!
GO
GO
GO
GO....

MINATO...?

HEY! BE CAREFUL!
MINATO!!


LAST WEEK THERE WAS A MAJOR EXPLOSION AND FIRE AT AN ABANDONED FACTORY IN HOKKAIDO. 5 DAYS AFTER THE INCIDENT THERE'S STILL NO WORD AS TO THE CAUSE
THERE'S STILL NO COMMENT FROM POLICE OR THE COOPERATION THAT OWNS THE BUILDING

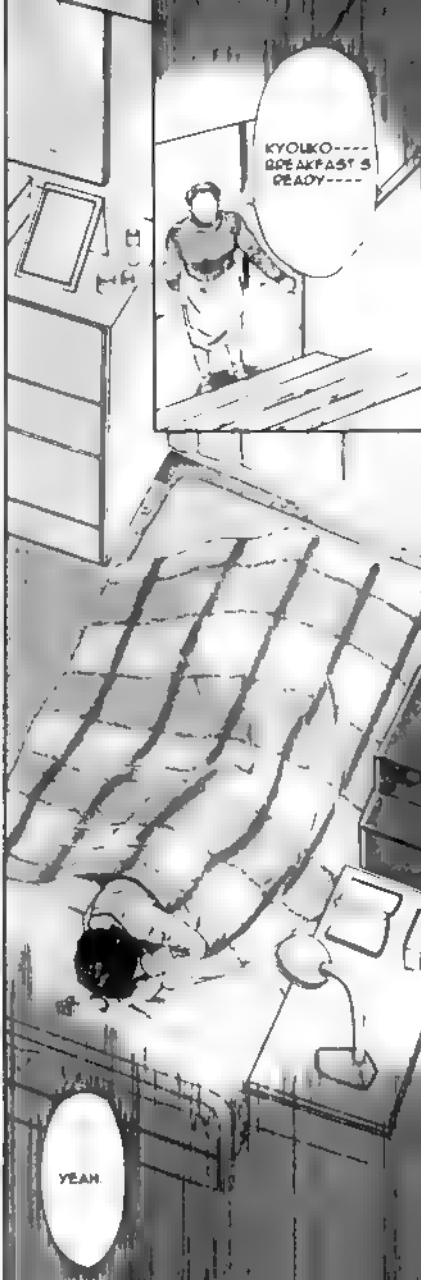
TIME

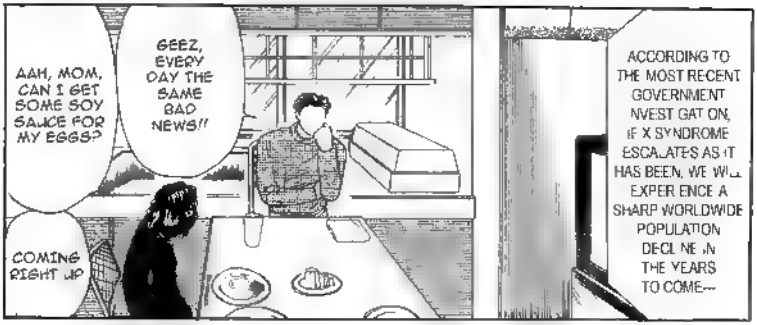

WHAT, ANOTHER SUICIDE?
HURRY UP, WE'LL BE LATE FOR WORK
PRAY NOW!! BEFORE THE JUDGEMENT DAY!!
THIS IS OUR PUNISHMENT FOR RAPING THE NATURAL WORLD!!

FUU

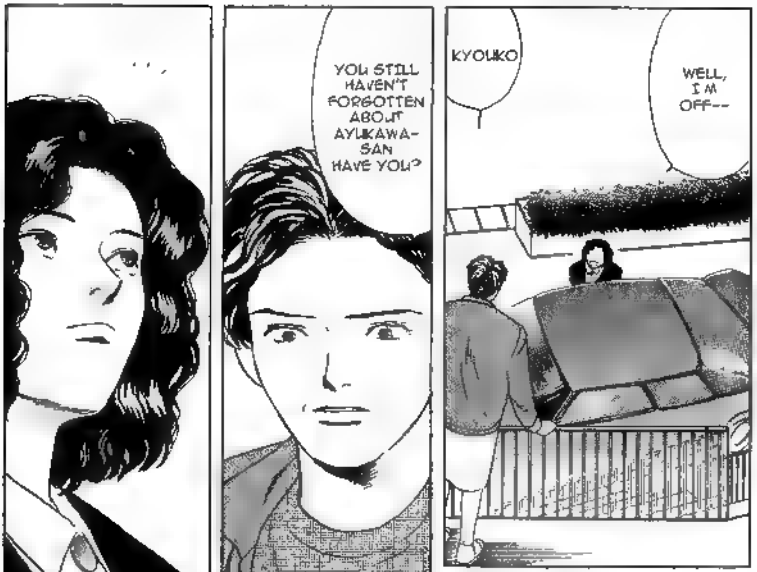
I GUESS I WAS DREAMING ABOUT YUUCHAN AGAIN

AAH, "OAS" WE NEVER HAVE "OAS"
THAT'S RIGHT BUT I THOUGHT BREAD WOULD BE A NICE CHANGE

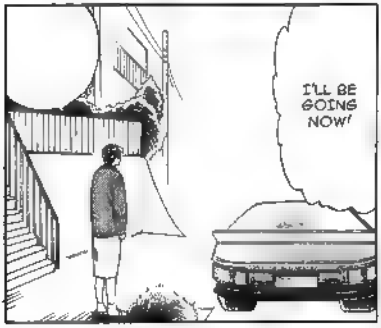

KYOUKO---- BREAKFAST'S READY----
YEAH


AAH, MOM, CAN I GET SOME SOY SAUCE FOR MY EGGS?
GEEZ, EVERY DAY THE SAME BAD NEWS!!
COMING RIGHT UP
ACCORDING TO THE MOST RECENT GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATION, IF X SYNDROME ESCALATES AS IT HAS BEEN, WE WILL EXPERIENCE A SHARP WORLDWIDE POPULATION DECLINE IN THE YEARS TO COME---

A BIT MORE RELAXING THAN ENDOCRINE CHEMICAL IN ANY CASE
IT'S ALRIGHT
HOW WAS THE NEW OFFICE?


YOU STILL HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN ABOUT AYUKAWA-SAN HAVE YOU?
KYOUKO
WELL, I'M OFF--

YOU'RE 28 YEARS OLD, IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU FIND A NICE GUY AND SETTLE DOWN----
I'M FINE!
A PURE WOMAN LIKE ME DOESN'T NEED SOMETHING LIKE THAT
BESIDES, I'M INTERESTED IN MY WORK NOW!


I'LL BE GOING NOW!

GEEZ, STILL AS TOMBOYISH AS EVER THAT KYOUKO
TAKES AFTER HER DAD

THEN HURRY UP AND FIND A WONDER DRUG FOR SYNDROME X!
WE'LL BE RICH THEN! AND MY NAME WILL GO DOWN IN THE HISTORY BOOKS

MEGURO-KU, YANO MICRO-BIOLOGY RESEARCH CENTER
IN SHORT, THE VIRUS IS AN EXTREMELY DESTRUCTIVE TYPE BUT IT NEEDS A VECTOR TO HAVE INVADED THE HUMAN BODY INITIALLY---
BUT YOU'RE SAYING THE VIRUS DESTROYS BODY CELLS ONE BY ONE?
mumble
IT REALLY EXISTS THEN. A VIRUS OF THIS TYPE MIGHT BE ONE OF A KIND
WE WON'T LET THAT HAPPEN!
AT THIS RATE, IT WOULD TAKE ONLY 50 YEARS TO ENTIRELY WIPE OUT HUMANITY---

YOU'VE GOT ME
I'VE NEVER MET A WOMAN WITH SO MUCH GUTS
BUT IF WE DON'T ISOLATE THE SOURCE OF THE INFECTION THERE WILL BE WIDE-SPREAD PANIC--
SO YOU'RE READY TO JUST GIVE UP?
HUMAN-KIND HAS TRIUMPHED OVER CHOLERA AND THE PLAGUE THE WILL TO OVERCOME IS THE LARGEST FACTOR BUT----
SORRY ABOUT THAT, DID I DISAPPOINT YOU?
NO, NOT AT ALL.
INOUE-SAN WHEN YOU SAID THAT BACK THERE
YOU REMINDED ME OF SOMEONE WHO I KNEW BEFORE HE USED TO SAY THINGS LIKE THAT A LOT

I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THE FORM I WAS GIVEN ..
IT'S ALL UP TO NATURE, THERE'S NO HELPING IT
THIS IS JUST THE WAY I AM
BUT I LIKE TO THINK THAT THERE'S NOTHING A MAN CAN DO THAT I CAN'T DO AT LEAST AS WELL AND PROBABLY EVEN BETTER I WANT TO DO MY BEST FOR THIS COMPANY
BUT IN THE END--
I DO WONDER IF IT'S THE COMPANIES WORKING FOR HUMANITY, OR HUMANITY WORKING FOR THE COMPANIES?
--- HOW ABOUT ANOTHER CUP OF COFFE?

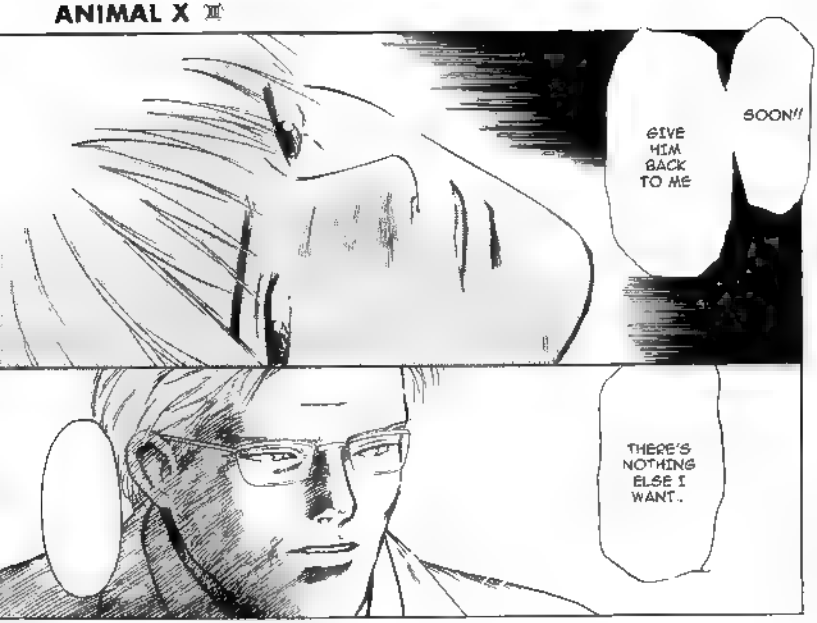
ZA ZA ZA ZA

AND THIS AFTER-NOON? HOW IS HE?
NO CHANGE BUT HIS MOOD STILL SEEMS TO BE FALTERING
WE'VE GOTTEN THE EXAMS BACK AND---
IT SEEMS HE'S ALREADY PREGNANT

IT'S BEEN AWHILE, HASN'T IT, AYUKAWA-KUN
YOU CAN HEAR ME CAN'T YOU? IT'S TADOKORO
.....
MY EXPER-IMENT WAS A SUCC-ESS
YOU'RE PREGNANT
THE FATHER IS ASABA MINATO, ISN'T IT?

----COULD BE THERE WERE TWO
"TWO"?
ASABA MINATO AND THE OTHER?
DON'T KNOW A HUMAN MAN A RAPIST
HOW LONG AGO?
WELL, I GUESS WE CAN TALK ABOUT THE DETAILS LATER
IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN BRING TO YOU? ANYTHING YOU WANT?

MINATO.
PLEASE BRING MINATO HERE TO ME...
!


GIVE HIM BACK TO ME
SOON!!
THERE'S NOTHING ELSE I WANT.

I CAN'T DO THAT HE'S DEAD
HE WAS CAUGHT IN THE EXPLOSION OF THE FACTORY WAREHOUSE, WE'VE FOUND THE REMAINS

BATAN

I DON'T BELIEVE YOU

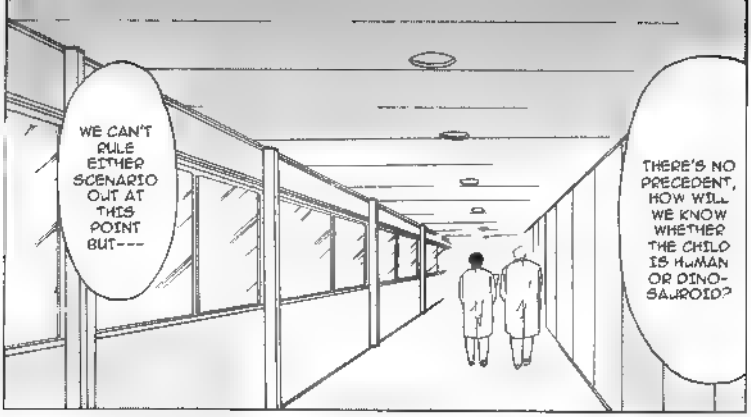
WHETHER OR NOT YOU CHOOSE TO BELIEVE IT, IT'S THE TRUTH
BUT EITHER WAY YOU BEAR NONE OF THE RESPONSI-BILITY, SO YOU DON'T NEED TO TROUBLE YOURSELF WITH IT

THAT TIME.. YOUR LIPS

YOUR BARE SKIN
THEY'RE SO MUCH MORE REAL TO ME THAN ANYTHING THAT CAME BEFORE
IF YOU WEREN'T HERE...
I FEEL LIKE I'D JUST DISAPPEAR TOO.

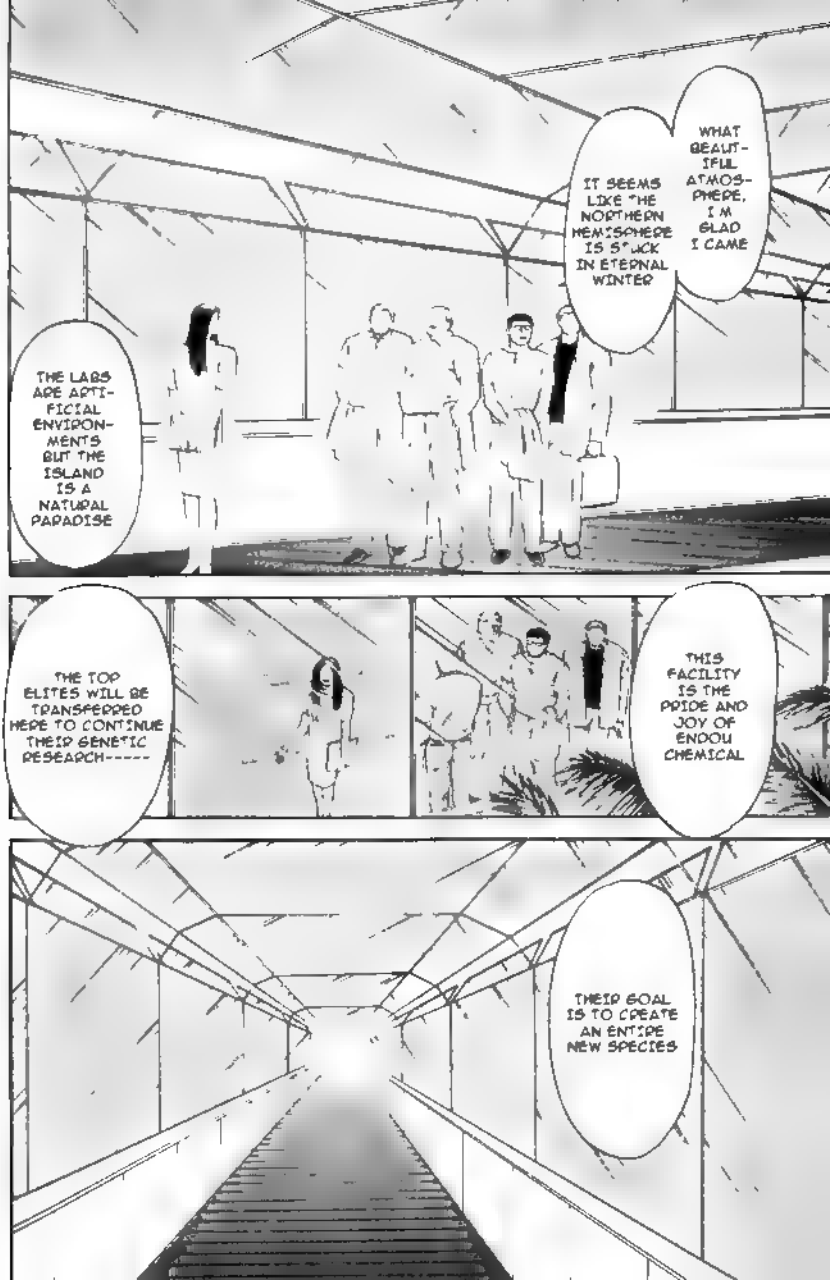
SO YOU'RE "AYUKAWA" HUH?
"AYUKAWA" WHAT?
YOU'RE NO BETTER THAN A DOG TO ME!!
IS IT
ALRIGHT IF I LOVE YOU, YUUJI?

MINATO.


WE CAN'T RULE EITHER SCENARIO OUT AT THIS POINT BUT---
THERE'S NO PRECEDENT, HOW WILL WE KNOW WHETHER THE CHILD IS HUMAN OR DINOSAUROID?

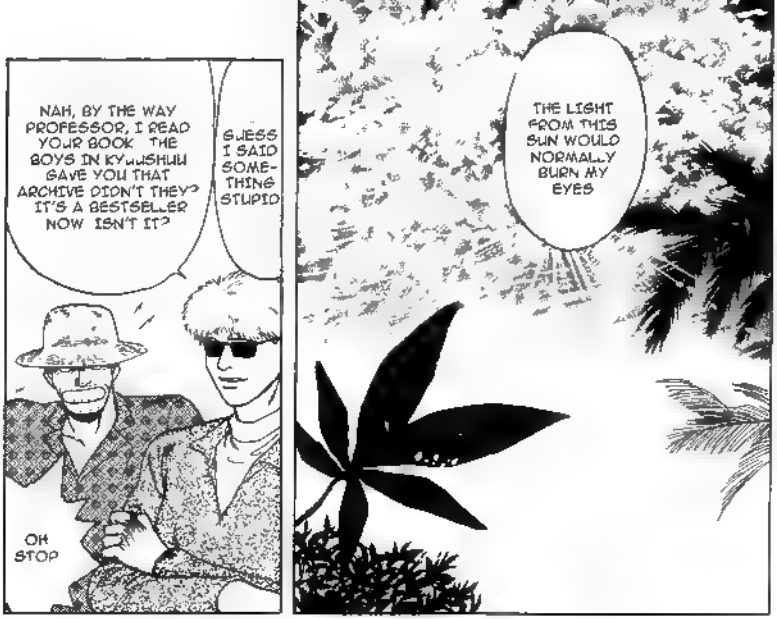
AYUKAWA-KUN NEEDS SOME DOWN-TIME
I KNOW

WITH A CHILD GROWING IN THE WOMB, THE SECRETION OF FEMININE HORMONES IS LIKELY TO INCREASE. HIS BODY WILL, IN TURN, BECOME MORE AND MORE FEMININE
BUT THE FETUS IS ENTIRELY DEPENDANT ON THE MOTHER'S CONDITION, IF THE MOTHER IS DE-PRESSED---

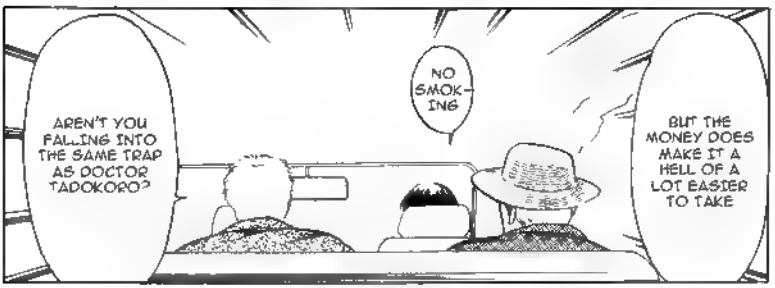

WHAT BEAUTIFUL ATMOSPHERE, I'M GLAD I CAME
IT SEEMS LIKE THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE IS STUCK IN ETERNAL WINTER
THE LABS ARE ARTIFICIAL ENVIRONMENTS BUT THE ISLAND IS A NATURAL PARADISE
THIS FACILITY IS THE PRIDE AND JOY OF ENDOU CHEMICAL
THE TOP ELITES WILL BE TRANSFERRED HERE TO CONTINUE THEIR GENETIC RESEARCH-----
THEIR GOAL IS TO CREATE AN ENTIRE NEW SPECIES

I GUESS WE'VE BOTH MADE IT TO THE PESSI-MISTIC PART
MOST HUMANS ARE SNOBS, READY TO TALK ABOUT THEIR IDEALISM FOREVER BUT WE CAN ALL BY BOUGHT BY ENOUGH MONEY OR DESIRE

WELL THEY SAY IT'S A SMALL WORLD

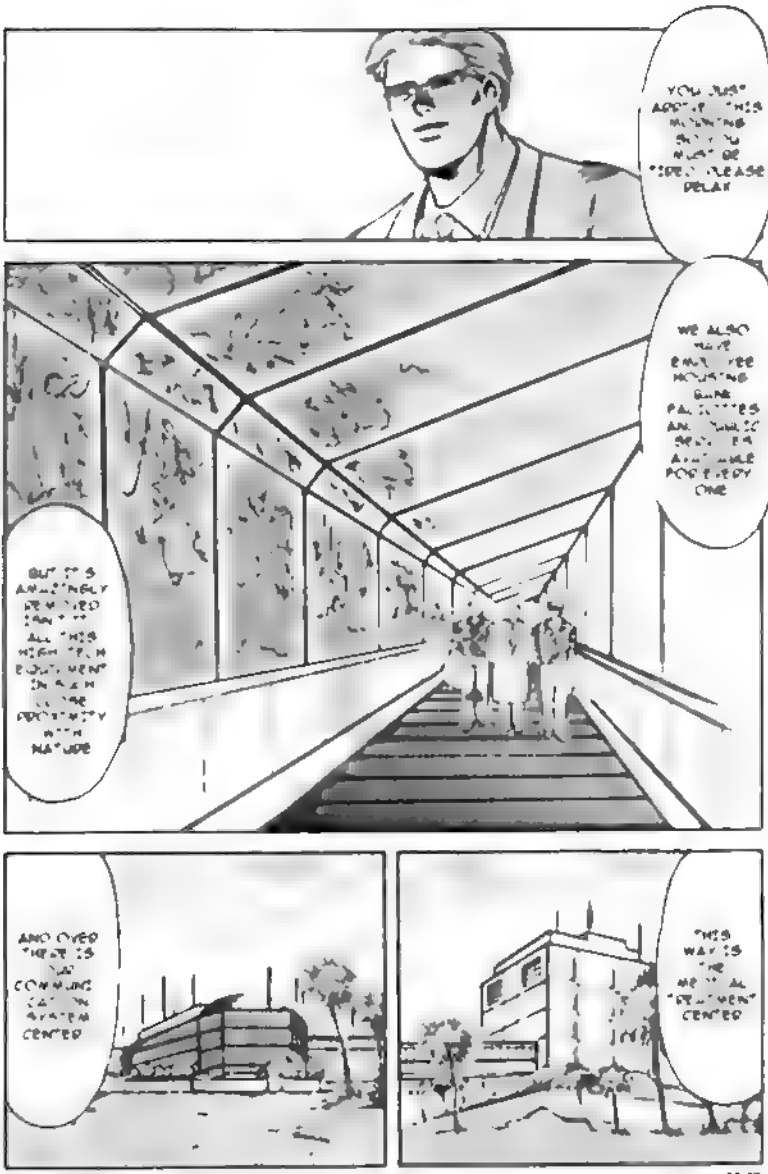

THE LIGHT FROM THIS SUN WOULD NORMALLY BURN MY EYES
I GUESS I SAID SOMETHING STUPID
NAH, BY THE WAY PROFESSOR, I READ YOUR BOOK THE BOYS IN KYUSHUU GAVE YOU THAT ARCHIVE DIDN'T THEY? IT'S A BESTSELLER NOW ISN'T IT?
OH STOP

IT MUST COME OFF TO THE PUBLIC AS SOME KIND OF SCIENCE FICTION FAIRY STORY IT'S BEING BLOWN OFF BY ACADEMICS LIKE IT'S MANGA OR SOME KIND OF MYTH. I HAVE NO IDEA IF ANYONE WILL INTERPRET IT ON THE LEVEL INTENDED
IN SHORT
I CAN'T TELL IF THE PUBLIC IS WISE OR IDIOTIC!!


BUT THE MONEY DOES MAKE IT A HELL OF A LOT EASIER TO TAKE
NO SMOKING
AREN'T YOU FALLING INTO THE SAME TRAP AS DOCTOR TADOKORO?

THINGS ARE TURNING OUT LIKE I'D FEARED AFTER ALL
YEAH
I GUESS THERE'S NO OTHER WAY
NAH, IT'S NOTHING--- BUT EITHER WAY I NEED TO SEE MY OWN WORK THROUGH TO THE END
PREMO-NITION?
THOSE ARE OUR QUARAN-TINED PATIENTS

HEY, YOU'RE LATE. YOU "WON'T LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO THE STAFF
THIS IS MY DEAR FRIEND AND RESEARCH COLLEAGUE PROFESSOR HIDEMURA AKIO, AND THE CHIEF OF THE NEUROSURGERY DEPT. SHIRAKAWA AKIRA


YOU JUST ADOPT THIS MORNING
PLEASE RELAX
WE ALSO
BUT IT'S
AND OVER

ON THE HILL WE'VE SET UP MOST OF THE PRIVATE RESI-DENCES
THIS IS THE KEY TO YOUR ROOM, DON'T HESITATE TO REQUEST ANYTHING YOU MIGHT REQUIRE FOR DAILY LIFE
I'LL HAVE YOUR LUGGAGE SENT UP SHORTLY
THANK YOU
SHIRA-KAWA-KUN
PLEASE COME WITH ME

YOU MAY NOT HAVE BEEN FULLY INFORMED BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL BUT
OUR PRIMARY INTEREST IS IN PRODUCING A LIVE HYBRID OF YOUR RACE AND MINE IN ORDER TO HAVE A LIVE SPECIMEN FOR CONTINUING STUDY AND------
HE IS PREGNANT

THIS FAR ALONG IN THE PREGNANCY THE FETUS ISN'T QUITE FAR ENOUGH ALONG TO BE ABLE TO DETERMINE FOR CERTAIN WHETHER THE CHILD'S FATHER IS HUMAN OR DINOSAUROID BUT-----
THIS IS THE AYUKAWA FROM THE PICTURE I SAW?
YES. WE KNOW FOR A FACT THAT HE HAS HAD INTERCOURSE WITH TWO MEN--------

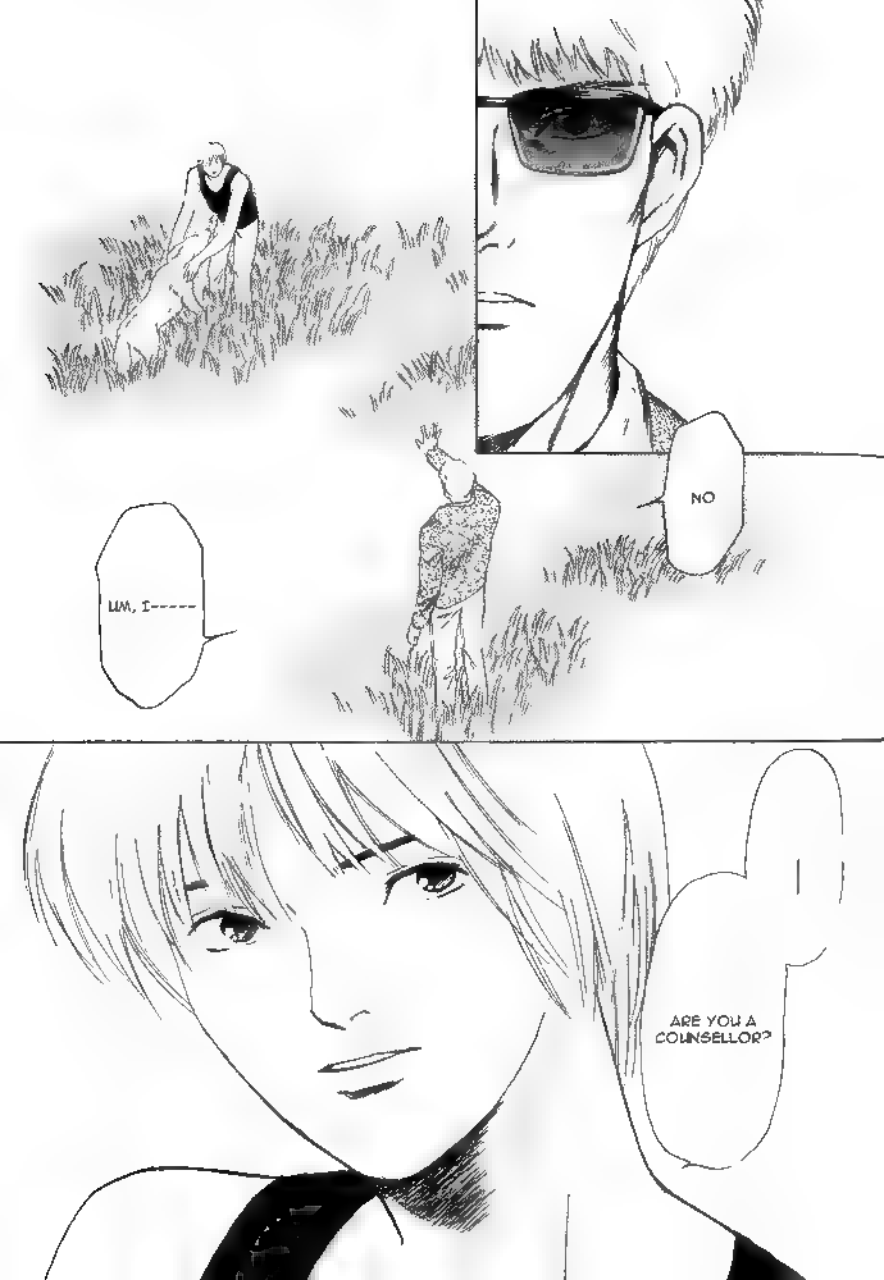
ONE IS ASABA MINATO THE OTHER A HUMAN MALE WHO ASSAULTED HIM THE CHILD BELONGS TO ONE OR THE OTHER
!?
BUT THE NEXT CHILD WILL BE YOURS

SO, FROM TODAY ON I'M MOVING YOU IN WITH AYUKAWA-KUN

A HOUSE ON THE GROUNDS OF THE MEDICAL TREAMENT FACILITY?
YES, OF COURSE
WE'LL KEEP HIM HERE FOR THE TERM OF HIS PREG-NANCY
I ENTRUST HIM TO YOU
HE MAY BE VERY TIMID AT FIRST BUT
THANK YOU
I

WHAT A THOROUGH SECURITY SYSTEM
THOUGH IT LOOKS LIKE A REGULAR HOUSE, THEY CAN WATCH EVERY-THING THAT GOES ON HERE
WHAT
IT ALMOST SEEMS AS THOUGH NO ONE'S LIVING HERE AT ALL
HERE BOY! COME HERE!!

AYUKAWA...?


UM, I-----
NO
ARE YOU A COUNSELLOR?

SILEEEEEEEEEEENCE...
I DO DON'T I?
CERTAINLY HAVE A LOT OF BOOKS HERE DON'T YOU?
UM-- UM YOU--
SILENCE
NO GOOD, CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING TO TALK ABOUT
SO WHAT DO YOU DO? HERE?

WHAT DO I DO
I READ BOOKS GROW VEGETABLES IN THE GARDEN. GET REGULAR EXAMS
I SLEEP I WAKE UP
—
THAT'S ALL?
THAT'S ALL
I DON'T HAVE ANY FAMILY OR FRIENDS ANYMORE AND THERE'S NO PHONE
SOMETIMES I FEEL LIKE I'M THE ONLY PERSON LEFT IN THE WORLD

THERE ARE QUITE A LOT OF LEGENDS AND MYTHS HERE AREN'T THERE? DID YOU GET THESE FROM THE DOCTOR?
YES, I GAVE HIM A LIST OF BOOKS I WANTED FROM THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, HE GAVE ME MOST OF THEM-----
GEEZ
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME. DO I REALLY CARE THAT MUCH ABOUT HOW A HUMAN FEELS?

BUT DON'T YOU THINK THESE ARE ALL JUST FIGMENTS OF PEOPLE'S IMAGINATIONS?
BUT THEY'RE INTERESTING!
---I LIKE READING MYTHS
THEY REVEAL SO MUCH ABOUT THE CULTURES THAT CREATED THEM--- DAILY LIFE, THE DEVELOPMENT OF LANGUAGE
THE BIRTH OF IDEAS
I FEEL ALMOST AS THOUGH I CAN UNDERSTAND CIVILIZATION FROM THE ROOTS UP---

FROM HERE ON I'LL BE LIVING HERE WITH YOU
YOU'RE WRONG ABOUT ME..
I'M NOT A COUNS-ELLOR
?
I'M THE DINOSAUROID WHO IS TO BE YOUR HUSBAND..
ANIMAL X ◆END

DOKIDOKI

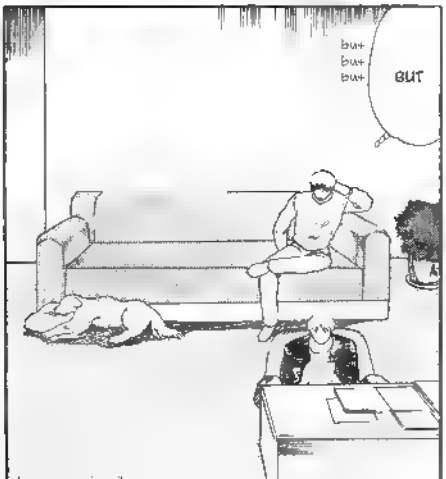
AND HOW ARE THINGS COMING ON YOUR END?
IN SPITE OF THE WORLDWIDE DECREASE IN POPULATION, OUR STOCK IS PERFORMING MORE FAVORABLY THAN EVER BEFORE!
AFTER OUR LONG PERIOD OF PREPERATION THE PLAN IS FINALLY IN MOTION!
EVERYTHING IS QUITE ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE, AND THIS ENTIRE ISLAND IS SO TIGHTLY CONTOLLED THAT A SINGLE MAN COULD MANAGE ALONE
WE AT ENDOU CHEMICAL ARE PRIVILEGED TO HAVE SUCH A TALENT AS YOURSELF AT THE HELM
FUU
IS IT THE DINOSAUROID HYBRID WE HAD HOPED FOR, I WONDER..? WELL I LOOK FORWARD TO THE REPORT
EVERY-THING S FINE
I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO VISIT THE ISLAND NEXT MONTH. HOW IS THE FETUS PROGRESSING?

YOURANIMAL X TEAM ISHARA & MONOTONE
#DOKIDOKI@IRC.RIZON.NET — HTTP://WWW.ARAGAM.ORG

THIS IS QUITE THE SPREAD
DID YOU MAKE THIS?
NO. I JUST MIXED SOME VEGETABLES FROM THE GARDEN WITH THE PRE-MADE FOOD SUPPLIES THEY GIVE ME
!
?
AH, BUT THE ONE ON THE RED PLATE DOESN'T NORMALLY TASTE LIKE MUCH SO I MADE A SAUCE FOR IT---
SORRY I CAN'T SEE COLORS
WOULD YOU SHOW ME WHICH?
!
I'M SORRY

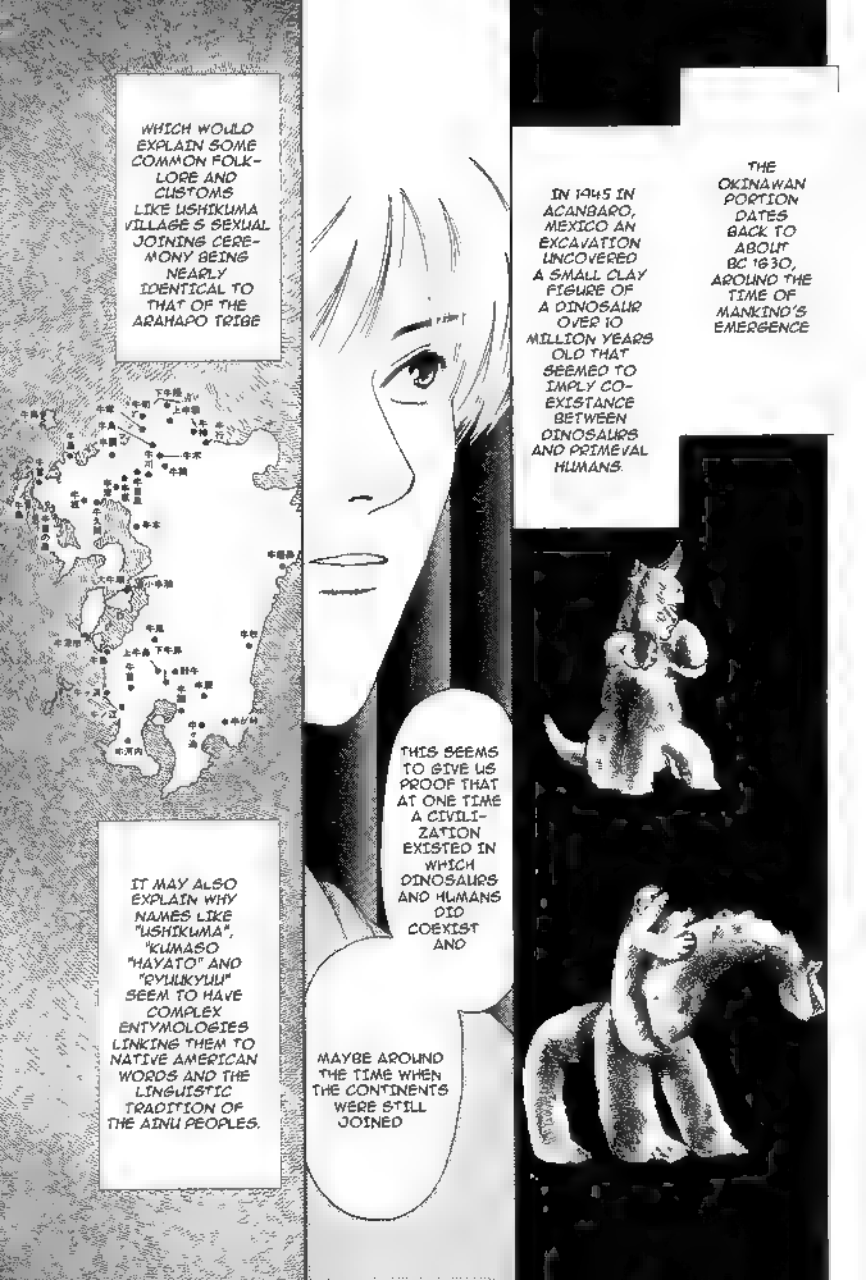
WHEN MY FATHER AND LITTLE SISTER USED TO TELL ME ABOUT COLORS I'D BE REALLY JEALOUS
THE COLOR OF THE SKY THE SEA, THE MOUN-TAINS--
I USED TO THINK ABOUT IT--- WHAT DIFFERENT COLORS LOOKED LIKE
BUT
DON'T APO-LOGIZE, I WAS BORN THIS WAY
I HAVE NO MORE FAMILY ... I'M ALONE
I'M LIKE YOU
GONE
WHERE ARE THEY NOW?
ha ha ha
I'VE NEVER MET ANYONE THIS CONSI-DERATE
BOWBOW
N-NO I SAID IT'S NO BIG DEAL
HE-HE'S GOING TO MAKE ME CRAZY
I'M SO SORRY!! I SHOULDN'T HAVE ASKED SUCH A THING!! I ALWAYS SEEM TO ASK THE WRONG QUEST-IONS

WELL THAT RUINED THE NICE MORNING ATMOSPHERE

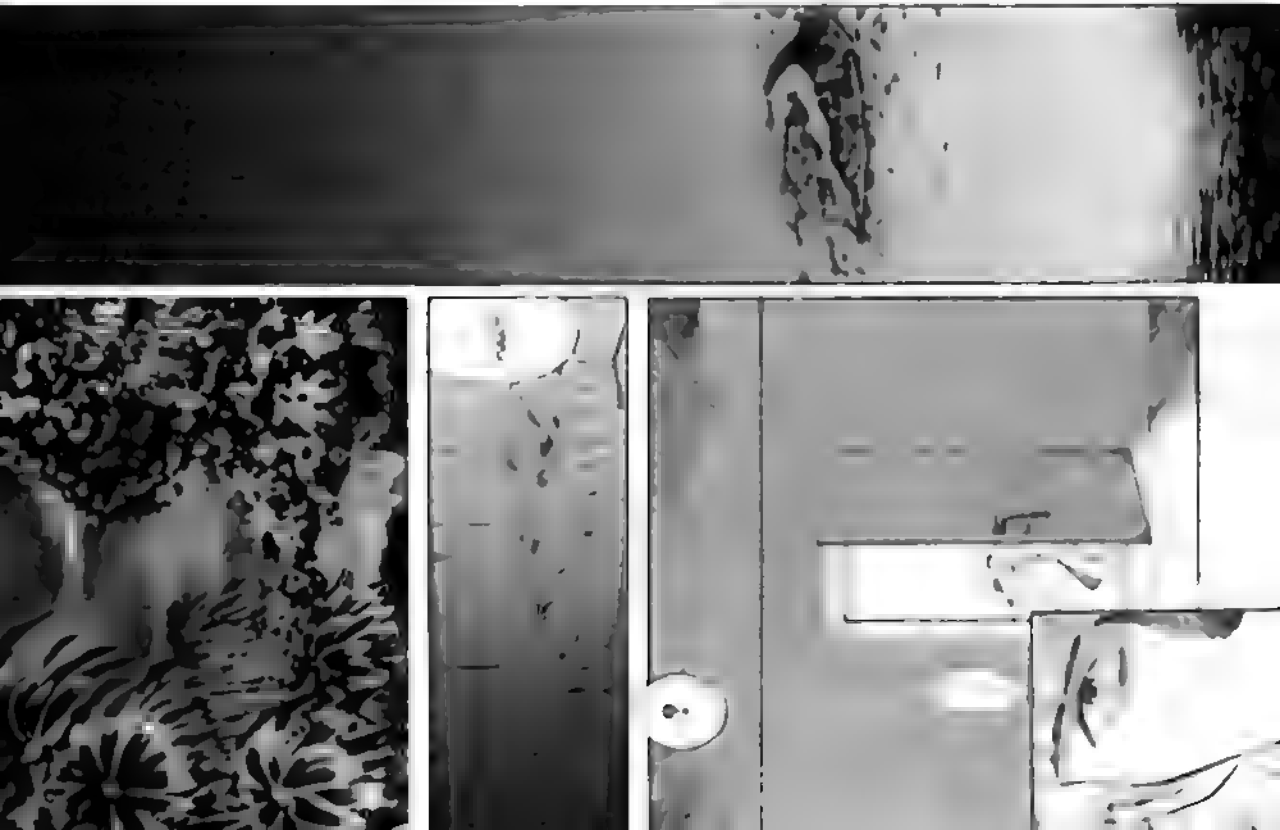


IN OKINAWA!?
IT'S A TABLET, FROM THE ELDER IN OKINAWA, HE ENTRUSTED IT TO US----- BUT?
YES
THAT
PICTURE
MY FATHER ENTRUSTED IT TO ME WHEN HE DIED----
IF THERE'S ANOTHER PIECE
!!
WHEN I SHOWED THIS TO HIRATSUKA HE SAID HE COULDN'T DECODE IT BECAUSE SOMETHING WAS MISSING BUT
IT LOOKS LIKE THE OTHER HALF TO SOMETHING FROM MY OWN VILLAGE
THEN WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO READ THE MESSAGE THAT WAS LEFT BY THE GLOOD

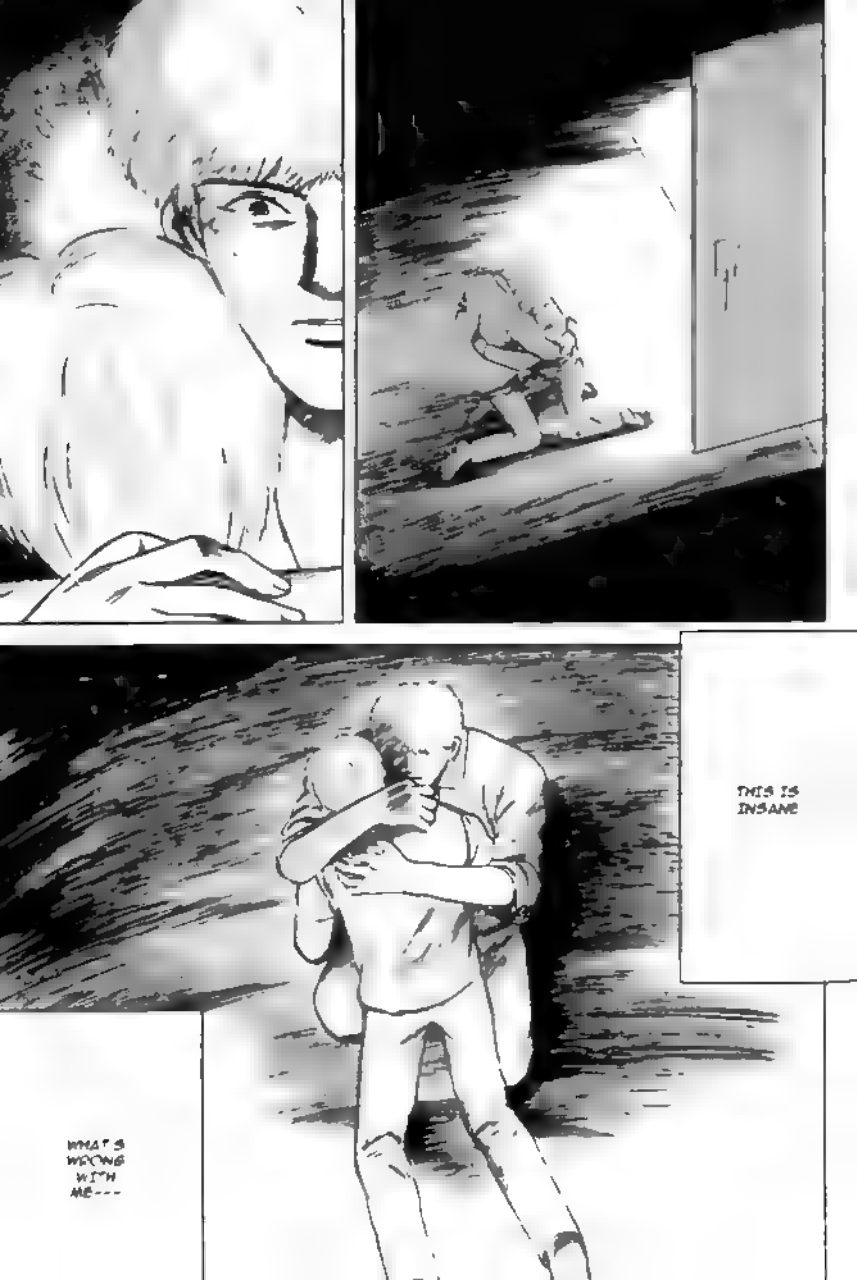
NO
I'VE GOT NO EXCUSE BUT
I HAD THOUGHT CERTAINLY YOU'D BEAR A GRUDGE AGAINST ME FOR WHAT I'VE DONE TO COOPERATE WITH TADOKORO ...
---AS THINGS ARE
GRUDGES ARE FOR THOSE WITH OPTIONS NONE OF US HAVE MUCH CHOICE ANYMORE
THERE'S NO GRUDGE
BUT
I CAN'T EVEN BEAR TO LOOK AT YOUR FACE ANYMORE
---I'M SORRY
ONE THAT BEARS EQUAL MEANING FOR THE TRIBES IN THE NORTH AND IN THE SOUTH
THIS TABLET IS A PRICELESS DISCOVERY


THE OKINAWAN PORTION DATES BACK TO ABOUT BC 1630, AROUND THE TIME OF MANKIND'S EMERGENCE
IN 1945 IN ACAMBARO, MEXICO AN EXCAVATION UNCOVERED A SMALL CLAY FIGURE OF A DINOSAUR OVER 10 MILLION YEARS OLD THAT SEEMED TO IMPLY CO-EXISTANCE BETWEEN DINOSAURS AND PRIMEVAL HUMANS.
WHICH WOULD EXPLAIN SOME COMMON FOLK-LORE AND CUSTOMS LIKE USHIKUMA VILLAGE'S SEXUAL JOINING CERE-MONY BEING NEARLY IDENTICAL TO THAT OF THE ARAHAPO TRIBE
THIS SEEMS TO GIVE US PROOF THAT AT ONE TIME A CIVILI-ZATION EXISTED IN WHICH DINOSAURS AND HUMANS DID COEXIST AND
MAYBE AROUND THE TIME WHEN THE CONTINENTS WERE STILL JOINED
IT MAY ALSO EXPLAIN WHY NAMES LIKE "USHIKUMA", "KUMASO "HAYATO" AND "RYUUKYUU" SEEM TO HAVE COMPLEX ENTYMOLOGIES LINKING THEM TO NATIVE AMERICAN WORDS AND THE LINGUISTIC TRADITION OF THE AINU PEOPLES.

SOME-HOW I FEEL LIKE THE ANSWER MIGHT BRING ME CLOSER TO MINATO.
LOO-KING BEC-AUSE
THEN AT SOME POINT, FOR SOME REASON THE TWO SPECIES MUST HAVE CROSSED.. I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR THAT POINT
IT JUST HURTS TO SEE HIM LIKE THIS, OF COURSE I'L.. LET YOU KNOW WHAT I COME UP WITH ON THE TABLETS.
WAS HE SERI-OUS ? WITH A KID 10 YEARS YOUNGER THAN HIM---
AGE DOESN'T MATTER, DOES IT?
WHEN YOU'RE SERIOUS



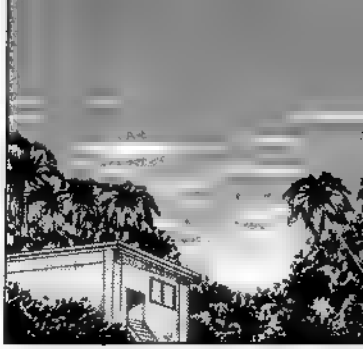
HEY?! CAN YOu BREATHE?!
WHAT'S WRONG?
I'LL CALL THE MEDICAL CENTER STAFF RIGHT NO---
BUT
YOU DON'T HAVE TO CALL ANYONE!!
I DON'T WANT THEM TO EXAMINE ME AGAIN!!
I'M BEGGING YOU. I'LL BE FINE I SWEAR!


THIS IS INSANE
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME---

WELL GOOD MORNING YOU TWO
?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT A THING, WE'VE COME TO TAKE YOU TO THE MEDICAL CENTER

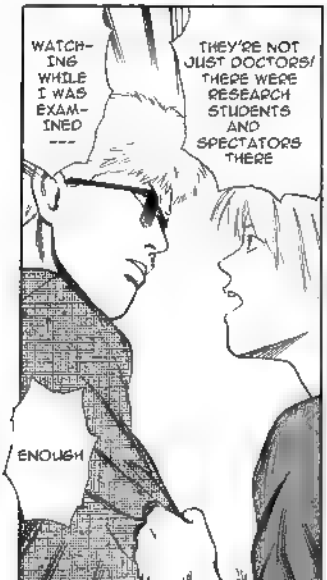
HE'S IN A DELICATE CONDI-TION!!
HEY, STOP IT!!
I DON'T NEED MORE TESTS!
NO!!
CALM DOWN!!
SO WHAT DO YOU PROPOSE SHIRA-KAWA-KUN?
AYUKAWA-KUN IS NOT YOUR EQUAL, NOR DOES HE HAVE ANY SAY IN THE MATTER YOU DON'T NEED TO FEEL AS THOUGH YOU NEED PROTECT HIM OR MAKE HIM CARE FOR YOU AT ALL
PLEASE DON'T FORGET THAT OUR PLAN HINGES ON THE HEALTH OF THE CHILD HE CARRIES
WE ARE SIMPLY TRYING TO CONDUCT AN EXAMI-NATION INTO WHAT OCCURRED HERE LAST NIGHT---
YOU SHOULD UNDER-STAND THAT! YOU'RE ALSO BLOOD
HIS WILL IS OF NO CONSEQUENCE TO ME AS LONG AS THE PLAN IS FUFILLED
YOU'RE FORCING HIM AGAINST HIS WILL ?

BATAN.



WHAT DID THEY DO?
WHAT DID THEY DO

HEY!!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?


WATCH-ING WHILE I WAS EXAM-INED ---
THEY'RE NOT JUST DOCTORS! THERE WERE RESEARCH STUDENTS AND SPECTATORS THERE
ENOUGH

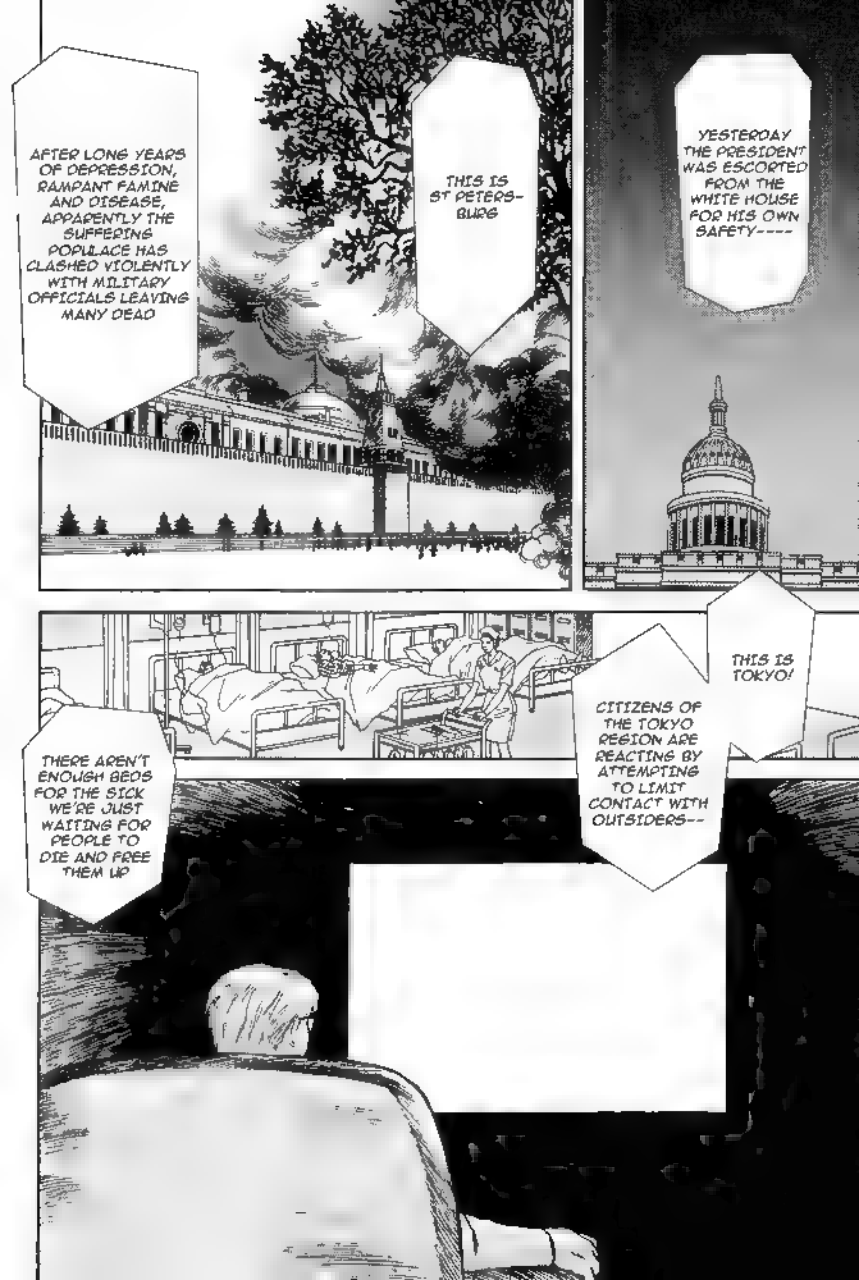
I'M SORRY IF ONLY I HADN'T CALLED THEM NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE HAPPENED
THAT'S ENOUGH
SHIRA-KAWA-SA ?
I'M SORRY
I DON'T KNOW YET
HMM
THIS IS A GOOD THING ISN'T IT?

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME!! THE FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN ABLE TO GO OUTSIDE WITHOUT SUPERVISION!!
WELL? HOW DO YOU FEEL?
THOUGHT IT WAS WORTH A TRY, FILLING OUT THE LEAVE APPLICATION----

WOOF!
I NEVER KNEW THERE WAS SUCH A PRETTY PLACE HERE!!
WHAT ARE THOSE BUILDINGS?
THAT'S THE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER AND ACROSS FROM IT IS THE MEDICAL TREATMENT CENTER
AND ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE HOLLOW ---?
THE AIRPORT
---WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH ALL THIS INFORMATION?

PREG-
NANT
PLANNING
AN
ESCAPE?
SOME
YING
YANG
ACTION
THERE
YOU'RE
GETTING
SOME
LITTLE
BREASTS
AREN'T
YOU?
!
!!

PLEASE LET GO OF ME!!
YOU RESIS-TING?
WE'RE BOTH PRETTY ODD AREN'T WE?
FORGET HIM!! THAT GUY
FORGET HIM FOR ME


AFTER LONG YEARS OF DEPRESSION, RAMPANT FAMINE AND DISEASE, APPARENTLY THE SUFFERING POPULACE HAS CLASHED VIOLENTLY WITH MILITARY OFFICIALS LEAVING MANY DEAD
THIS IS ST PETERS-BURG
YESTERDAY THE PRESIDENT WAS ESCORTED FROM THE WHITE HOUSE FOR HIS OWN SAFETY----
THIS IS TOKYO!
CITIZENS OF THE TOKYO REGION ARE REACTING BY ATTEMPTING TO LIMIT CONTACT WITH OUTSIDERS--
THERE AREN'T ENOUGH BEDS FOR THE SICK WE'RE JUST WAITING FOR PEOPLE TO DIE AND FREE THEM UP

MUTATION AND SELECTION
IT SEEMS WE'VE HAD A BIT OF SUCCESS AT PLAYING GOD
HOW DID IT GO? THE PROTEIN ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT RESULTS
THE REPORT JUST CAME IN FROM THE MAIN LAB BUT
I THOUGHT WE COULD USE CLONING AS A SHORTCUT BUT IT SEEMS AN ARTIFICIAL UTERUS IS DIFFICULT TO REPRODUCE

I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO..
IN ORDER TO PRODUCE A VIABLE CLONE THE SAMPLE WE HAVE NOW IS----
A LETTER?
FOR MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND THEY CENSOR THEM BUT ENDOU CHEMICAL DELIVERS THEM FOR ME ANYWAY
SHE'S THE ONLY PERSON WHO KNOWS I'M EVEN ALIVE
A GIRL?

YES, BUT I CAN'T GO BACK
SO SHE'S YOUR ONLY LINK TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD
SHE WAS ALWAYS A LOT STRONGER THAN ME AND USED TO PROTECT ME
BEFORE I MET MINATO WE WERE ENGAGED
TO THE WAY IT WAS..

SHIRA-
KAWA
CAN I
HOLD
YOU?
BUT
THE
SURVEI-
LANCE
CAMERAS
DON'T
MIND
THEM.
LET THEM
WATCH

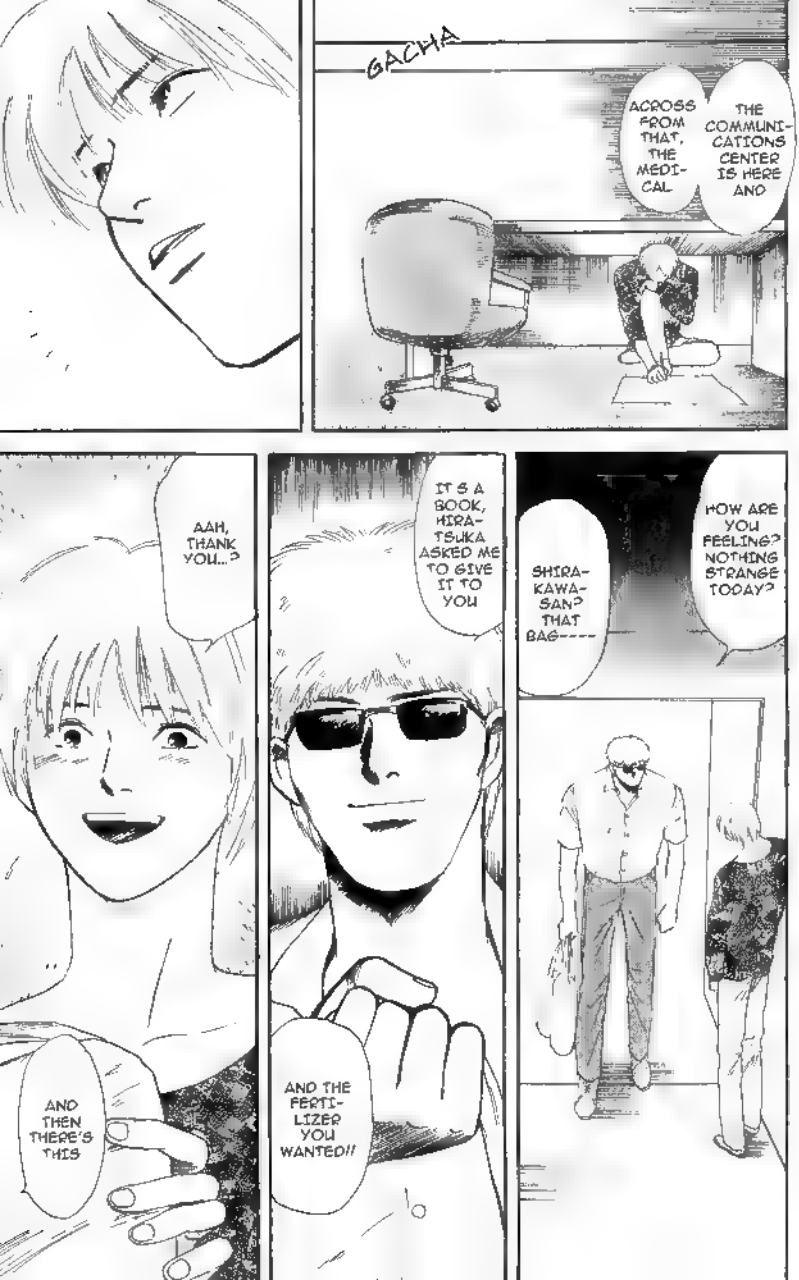
FORGET IT
FORGET HIM
YOU CAN CAN'T YOU?
HE'S WARM
IT'S THE SAME. DINOSAUROID AND HUMAN...
SHIRAKAWA-SAN AND... MINATO

?
I'M CLUMSY, SORRY---
EEH
I'M NOT DOING ANYTHING FOR YOU AND IT'S POINTLESS IF ONLY I ENJOY IT
---I'M NO GOOD AT THIS, AM I?
WHAT WAS IT LIKE WITH THE OTHER TWO?
YOU'RE ALWAYS
SO HARD ON YOUR-SELF

SHIRA-KAWA-SAN?
HOW DO I MEASURE UP?
SORRY
I'LL FIND A WAY TO MAKE YOU HAPPY I
WHY?
YOU'RE BLUNT AREN'T YOU? BECAUSE I LOVE YOU!

DO YOU UNDERSTAND? IF YOU DON'T GIVE US SOMETHING TO WORK WITH HERE WHAT WILL WE DO?
WHAT?! TURN OFF THE 24 HOUR CAMERA!!
LOOK WE'VE BOTH BEEN NOTHING BUT OBEDIENT SO FAR YOU KNOW WE'RE NOT UP TO ANY TRICKS
A COMPLETE MISCALCULATION
GEEZ, THOSE MISERABLE OLD GEEZERS

NOW KEEP YOUR HEAD ABOUT YOU AND KEEP YOUR EMOTIONS AND ACTIONS SEPERATED THINK ABOUT THE TECHNOLOGY WE'RE UP AGAINST!
GO SLOWLY, MAKE SURE YOU'VE GOTTEN ALL THE HIDDEN CAMERAS TOO.
YEAH
THIS IS THE BOOK AYUKAWA-KUN ASKED FOR
----BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU? ARE YOU JUST GOING TO STAY HERE AND BURY YOUR HEAD IN BOOKS LIKE THE REST OF THOSE TOURISTS?
WELL FOR THE TIME BEING, I HAVE NO INTEREST IN WHAT HAPPENS TO THIS WORLD.
THE WORLD
THAT'S WHAT MY FATHER AND SISTER WANTED, ISN'T IT?
THEY WANTED TO END THE DESTRUCTION OF THE BLOOD AND SEE OUR RACE CONTINUE INTO THE NEXT GENERATION.


GACHA
THE COMMUNI-CATIONS CENTER IS HERE AND
ACROSS FROM THAT, THE MEDI-CAL
HOW ARE YOU FEELING? NOTHING STRANGE TODAY?
SHIRA-KAWA-SAN? THAT BAG----
IT'S A BOOK, HIRA-TSUKA ASKED ME TO GIVE IT TO YOU
AND THE FERTI-LIZER YOU WANTED!!
AAH, THANK YOU...?
AND THEN THERE'S THIS

IT'S A HUMAN CUSTOM ISN'T IT?
IT'S NOT MUCH BUT IF YOU LIKE IT, PLEASE WEAR IT
I'M SO HAPPY!
THANK YOU!
I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU
YOUR HANDS ARE ROUGH, AREN'T THEY? BUT THEY SUIT YOU
IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU'D LIKE?
LET'S HAVE SOME LUNCH

I WANT TO BE FREE..
FREE-DOM
DON'T BE FOOLISH! THE OUT-SIDE IS CRAWLING WITH X SYNDROME
I'LL MANAGE ALONE, SOMEHOW..
IF YOU LEAVE THIS PLACE, HOW WILL YOU GIVE BIRTH?
AND THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO TO BIND YOU TO ME.. BUT
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN SAY
HOW ABOUT THE VACCINE? THERE IS ONE ISN'T THERE?
I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THIS FEELING IS REAL

BUT I GUESS THIS DAY'S FINALLY COME...
I DON'T BELIEVE IT

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! I'M JUST TALKING ABOUT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS!!
WHAT A WEAK STATEMENT! IT'S NOT LIKE YOU AT ALL, YANAGISAWA-SAN!
THERE ARE ONLY ABOUT HALF AS MANY LIGHTS IN THIS CITY AS THERE WERE
ARE THEY PEOPLE LEAVING THIS AREA OR ARE THEY LEAVING BECAUSE OF THE TRAVEL PROHIBITION THAT WILL SOON GO INTO ACTION?
THE AIR HERE IS WONDERFUL BUT IT FEELS SO STRANGE SEEING THIS. I WONDER IF THERE REALLY IS A SAFE PLACE FOR HUMANS ANYMORE
STILL HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN THAT GUY?
IF ONLY I COULD MEET HIM AGAIN
IF ONLY WE BOTH LIVE THROUGH THIS AND MEET AGAIN, YUUCHAN
I'LL TELL YOU DIRECTLY, NOT THROUGH A LETTER

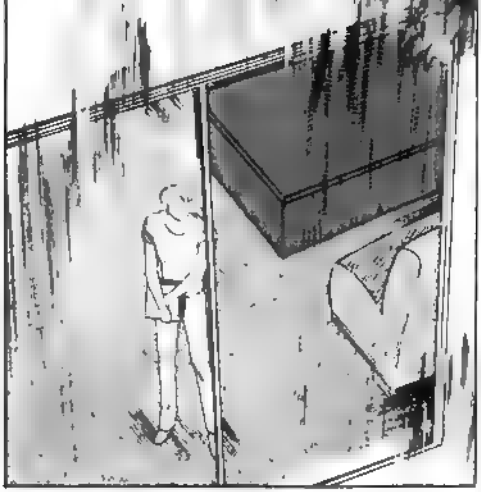
YUUJI

IF ONLY THAT WERE SO, I KNOW I COULD GET MY PERFECT CONFIDENCE BACK AGAIN

WHY CAN'T YOU FORGET HIM?
YOU WERE CALLING OUT HIS NAME
WHAT IF I BECOME EVEN MORE TO YOU THAN HE EVER WAS?
MIN-ATO
SAID THAT HE WOULD NEVER FORGET ME
SO I CAN'T FORGET HIM EITHER

I WON'T FORGET HIM
ALL MY LIFE!!
I'M SORRY TO BOTHER YOU IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT LIKE THIS--
WHAT IS IT?
HE WARMING UP TO YOU AT ALL?

WELL, AT LEAST YUUJI ISN'T IGNORING ME ANYMORE
GEEZ
!?
I CAN READ IT!! THIS TABLET!
IT WAS A PAIN IN THE NECK, BUT INTERESTING
MOST LIKELY, BEFORE HUMANS AND THE BLOOD SPLIT PATHS--- THIS WAS THE BACKBONE OF THEIR BELIEFS
IT'S AN ACCOUNT OF THE RETURN TO CREATION



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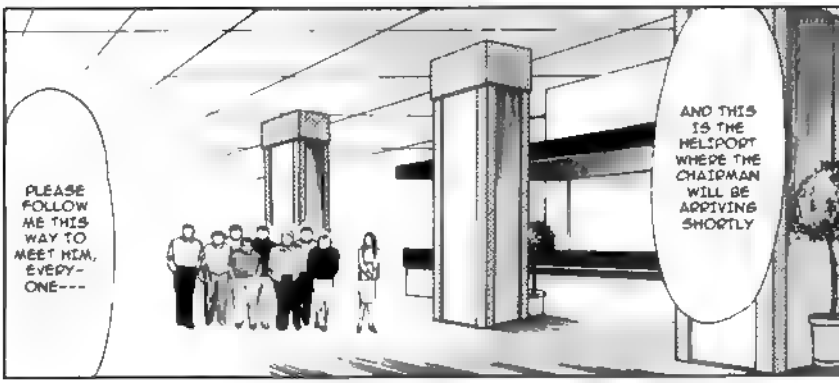
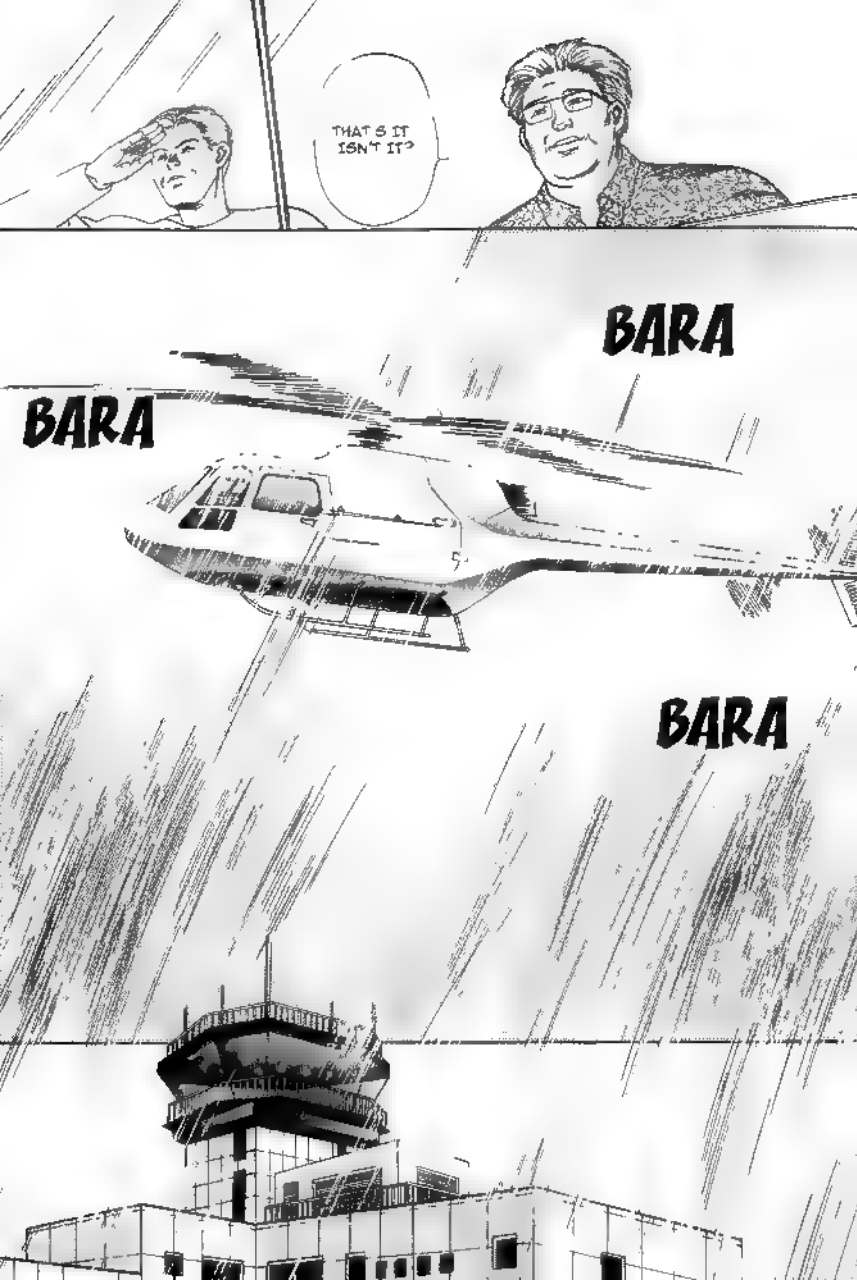

PLEASE FOLLOW ME THIS WAY TO MEET HIM, EVERY-ONE---
AND THIS IS THE HELIPORT WHERE THE CHAIRMAN WILL BE ARRIVING SHORTLY


THAT'S IT ISN'T IT?
BARA
BARA
BARA

ALL EMPLOYEES REPORT QUICKLY TO THEIR POSTS!
EMERGENCY ALERT! EMERGENCY ALERT!
WHAT THE HELL!! WHAT HAPPENED?!
S-SOMETHING ON THE HELIPORT!

SHIT!!
SOME-
THING S
HAPPENED
ON THE
HELIPORT!!
NO
RESPONSE
FROM THE
CONTROL
TOWER!!
SEND OUT
THE GUARDS!!
MAKE SURE
WE GET THE
CHAIRMAN
TO SAFETY!!

WE'VE GOT TO SECURE THE EXPERI-MENT!! HURRY
WE HAVEN'T HAD ANY SECURITY CAMERA FEED SINCE BEFORE THE INCIDENT!
WHERE COULD HE BE HIDING..
JUMP!!
DON'T MOVE!
TAKE ME TO THE CULTIVATION ROOM OF THE MEDICAL TREATMENT CENTER!!

WE'RE STILL NOT ENTIRELY SURE BUT, SOMETHING'S STOPPED THE SOLAR POWER SYSTEM
WE'VE SWITCHED TO THE RESERVE SUPPLY FOR THE TIME BEING BUT IT SEEMS WE HAVE A VISITOR
WHAT'S HAPP-ENED?
. IT CAN'T BE!!
SFX KABOOM
KABOOM
THIS SEEMS TO BE AN ACT OF INTERNAL TERRORISM
THE WEAPONS-STORAGE FACILITY HAS BEEN DESTROYED!!
?

WAHAHAHA
HAHAHAA
W-WHO WHO S THAT!?
I THOUGHT I MADE IT CLEAR BEFORE
BUT I'M HERE TO DO A HELL OF A LOT MORE THAN LAUGH IN YOUR SORRY FACES

A~~~~
LEAP!
IT'S YOUR OLD FRIEND ASABA MINATO!!
X SYNDROME IS AN ARTIFICIALLY MANUFACTURED PLAGUE--- IF THAT'S SO THEN
THERE MUST BE A VACCINE THAT CAN STOP IT!! THERE IS, ISN'T THERE?!
I DON'T KNOW!

BYUU
GOO
ZAA
KICK

SHIRA-KAWA-SAN
I'LL SHOW YOU WHERE IT IS, COME WITH ME
GIVE ME THE VACCINE!!
!
WHY ARE YOU HELPING ME?
'CAUSE I'M GETTING YOU OUT OF HERE!
JUST ONE OF THESE CARRIES ENOUGH TO TREAT 50,000 PEOPLE
FROM HERE ON, IT'S UP TO YOU!

YOU TOLD ME THAT YOU WANTED YOUR FREEDOM..
WHY ARE YOU
?
BUT WHY?
AND
ANYONE WOULD----- IT HURTS TO SEE YOU IN SO MUCH PAIN.
THANK YOU!!
SHIRA-KAWA-SAN!!
TO THE HELIPORT!!
HURRY UP!!

MEN DON'T CRY
GEEZ
CLACK
CLACK
STOP RIGHT THERE, AYUKAWA-KUN!!

MY MY MY YOU HAVE NO COMMON SENSE AT ALL!

NOW DROP THE WEAPON
YOU ARE TO BE THE WIFE OF THE MEN ON THIS ISLAND WHAT ABOUT THEIR FEELINGS?
THE HUMAN CALLED "AYUKAWA YUUJI" NO LONGER EXISTS!
YOU ARE MY CREATION
YOU BELONG TO ME!
SURRENDER!!

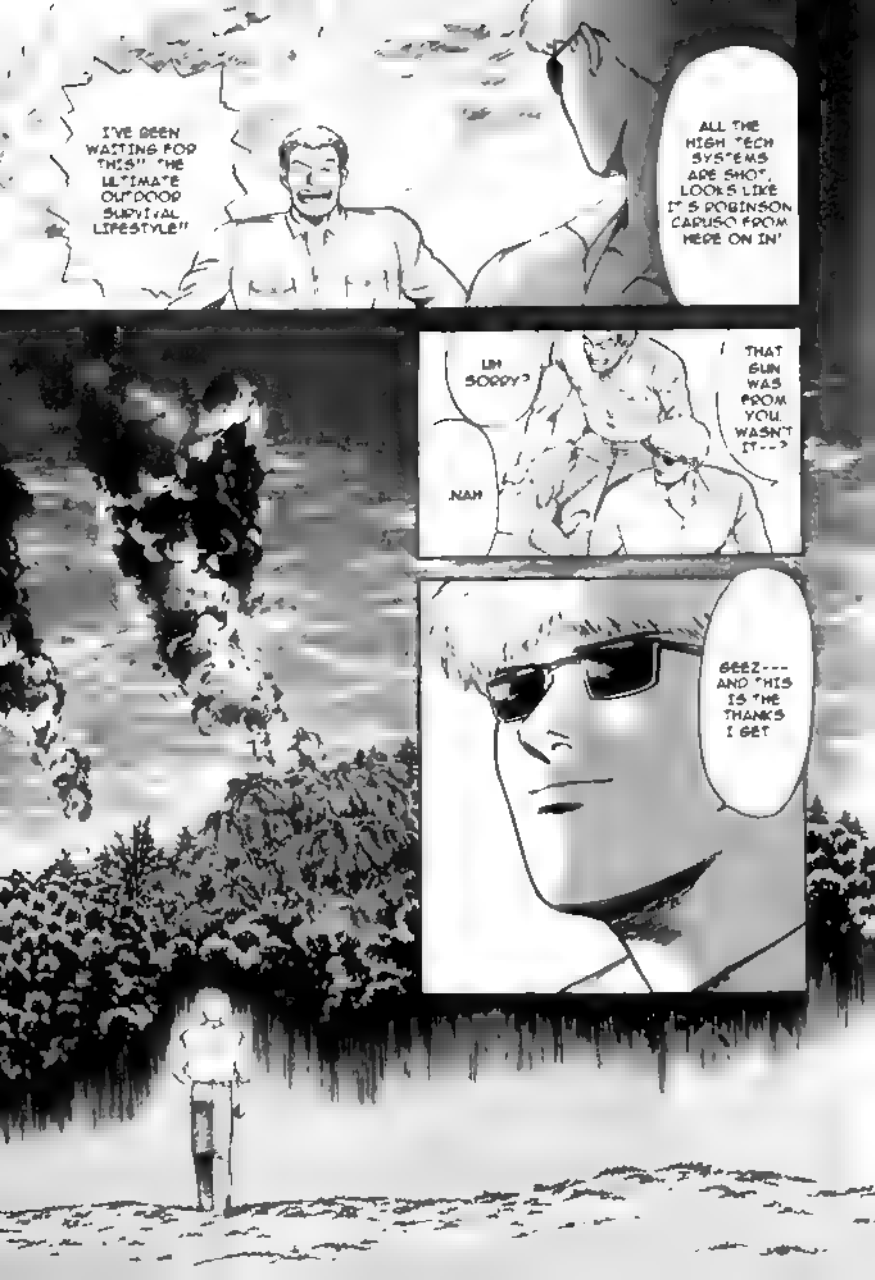
TADOKORO!
SFX GAA
SFX KICK

WHAT A FUSS HE'S CAUSED
THESE WERE MADE BY DINO-SAUROID CLAWS
HIS PULSE IS WEAK
HE'S LOST TOO MUCH BLOOD.
SLAM!
TWITCH
!
FUNNY ISN'T IT?

I'M ALSO ONE OF THEM"
*<T/N>THE BLOOD
hurry up and untie me!!
WE'VE FOUND THE CHAIRMAN ON THE HELIPORT!! HE'S SAFE!!
THE LEVEL OF DEST-RUCTION IS TOO MUCH TO PURSUE THEM-----
BUT THE INTRUDER HAS DESTROYED ALL OF THE OTHER HELICOPTERS AND FLOWN OFF IN OURS!!
OR THE ABILITY TO RE-PRODUCE
ONE WITHOUT THE ABILITY TO TRANS-FORM

I WAS A DINOSAUR LIVING AMONG HUMANS
A DISAPPOINTMENT TO BOTH RACES, UNACCEPTABLE ANYWHERE BUT HERE---
BUT OUR PLAN. TO UNITE THE SPECIES OF HUMANS AND DINOSAUROIDS IN THEIR COMMON DESTINY
IT WILL NOT END HERE WITH ME
THE PROPHECY AND THE ELDER'S ARCHIVES ALL ACKNOWLEDGE THIS GOAL AS INAVOIDABLE, ITS ROOTS RUN DEEP
I SEE YOUR PLAN WAS CERTAINLY WELL-PLOTTED AND CLEVERLY EXECUTED
BUT YOUR REASONING IS FLAWED
----BUT SOME DAY
I WAS SO CLOSE TO ACHIEVING IT

FOR SO LONG I STROVE TO HOLD THE VERY WORLD IN MY GRASP, AND IN ONE MOMENT I FIND MYSELF HERE, EMPTY-HANDED
AND I KNOW MY OWN FOOLISHNESS AND MY OWN WEAKNESS
NOW THERE IS NOTHING LEFT AT ALL IN THESE HANDS
I ALWAYS KNEW THAT KID COULD KILL YOU---- BUT HE NEVER DID
MAYBE THAT'S WORTH THINKING ABOUT TOO


I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS!" "THE ULTIMATE OUTDOOR SURVIVAL LIFESTYLE!"
ALL THE HIGH TECH SYSTEMS ARE SHOT, LOOKS LIKE IT'S ROBINSON CARUSO FROM HERE ON IN'
UH SORRY?
NAH
THAT GUN WAS FROM YOU, WASN'T IT--?
GEEZ--- AND THIS IS THE THANKS I GET

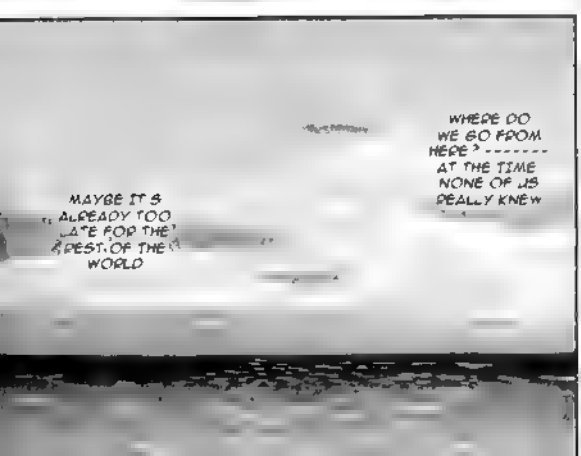
YOU ARE ALIVE!!
COURSE I AM--- I'M PRETTY HARD TO KILL!!
MINATO. YOUR EYE AND YOUR RIGHT ARM?
WELL, THERE WAS FIRE AND POISON TO DEAL WITH

MIN-
ATO
I
COUL-
DN'T
BE
HELPED
SHE WAS
TOUGH..
THAT LADY

HEY!!
QUIT THAT FLIRTING!!
THINK ABOUT WHO YOU OWE YOUR MISERABLE LITTLE LIVES RIGHT NOW!!
HISA-SAN!!
SHADDUP ---!!
let's give him a better view!
THIS IS A REUNION HERE!! I'VE FINALLY FOUND YUUJI AGAIN!!
AND IF IT WASN'T FOR THOSE GUYS IN KYUUSHUU RADIOING ME YOUR ASS WOULD STILL BE IN THAT BURNED-OUT FACTORY, WOULDN'T IT?!
THEN QUIT STARING-- TURN AROUND AND GIVE US SOME PRIVACY
YOU LITTLE -----!!
NOW LET'S SNUGGLE
MINATO.

THERE IS A BABY
I'M PREG-NANT
WHAT?! WE DID IT?!
SHOCK
BU-BUT I DON'T KNOW WHOSE BABY IT IS YET!!
WHAT IF IT'S
WELL YOU'RE HAVING IT AREN'T YOU?
IT'S YOUR BABY, ISN'T IT---?
NOTHING MATTERS TO ME BUT THAT
BUT

WHATEVER HAPPENS I'LL BE RIGHT THERE WITH YOU
YOU'RE SCARED? BUT YOU'RE NOT EVEN AFRAID OF DINOSAUROIDS!
I'M SCARED I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT CHILDBIRTH AND ALL
...
ARE YOU?
YOU'RE NOT SCARED ARE YOU?
MINATO
STILL SCARED?
I ALWAYS
BELIEVED THAT YOU WERE ALIVE AND WE WOULD MEET AGAIN


WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? -------
AT THE TIME NONE OF US REALLY KNEW
MAYBE IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE FOR THE REST OF THE WORLD

NOTHING AT ALL.
I'VE NEVER HAD ANY OF MY PRAYERS GRANTED BEFORE
THERE'S SO MUCH OUT THERE HATRED BETRAYAL
WE'VE SHARED SO MUCH AND CARRY SO MANY SCARS BETWEEN US
FOR WHATEVER REASON.
BUT ABOVE ALL ELSE I KNOW THIS OF EVERYONE IN THIS WORLD, HE LOVED ME
NOTHING
WHATCHA THINKIN?

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See you next time!
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